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CONVENTION

BETWEEN

HER MAJESTY

AND THE

KING OF THE BELGIANS,

ENABLING THEIR RESPECTIVE

POST OFFICES

TO MAKE

POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS.

Signed at Brussels, January 8, 1857.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.
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CONVENTION between Her Majesty and the King of the Belgians, enabling their respective Post Offices to make Postal Arrangements.

Signed at Brussels, January 8, 1857.

[*Ratifications exchanged at Brussels, January* 27, 1857.]

HER Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and His Majesty the King of the Belgians, being desirous of facilitating the means by which a reduction may be effected in the rates of postage chargeable upon letters and printed papers exchanged between the United Kingdom and Belgium, and other alterations may be made in the postal arrangements existing between the two countries, have agreed to regulate this matter by a special Convention, and have named as their Plenipotentiaries for this purpose, viz:

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Charles Augustus Lord Howard de Walden and Seaford, a Peer of the United Kingdom, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Her Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of His Belgian Majesty;

And His Majesty the King of the Belgians, Viscount Charles Vilain XIIII, His Minister for Foreign Affairs, Member of the Chamber of Representatives, Officer of the Order of Leopold, decorated with the Iron Cross, Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St. Januarius of the Two Sicilies, Grand Cross of the Order of Our Lady of the Conception of Villa Viçosa, of the Order of Saints Maurice and Lazarus, of the Imperial Order of Medjidié, of the Imperial Order of the White Eagle, of the Order of the Polar Star, &c., &c., &c.;

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found to be in good and due form, have agreed upon the following Articles:—

SA Majesté la Reine du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, et Sa Majesté le Roi des Belges, désirant faciliter les moyens de réduire les prix de port des lettres et des imprimés échangés entre le Royaume Uni et la Belgique, et d'introduire d'autres modifications dans les arrangements postaux existant entre les deux pays, sont convenus de régler cet objet par une Convention spéciale, et ont nommé pour leurs Plénipotentiaires à cet effet, savoir:

Sa Majesté la Reine du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, Charles Auguste Lord Howard de Walden et Seaford, Pair du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, Chevalier Grand-Croix du Très Honorable Ordre du Bain, Son Envoyé Extraordinaire et Ministre Plénipotentiaire près la Cour de Sa Majesté Belge;

Et Sa Majesté le Roi des Belges, le Vicomte Charles Vilain XIIII, Son Ministre des Affaires Etrangères, Membre de la Chambre des Représentants, Officier de l'Ordre de Léopold, décoré de la Croix de Fer, Chevalier Grand-Croix de l'Ordre de St. Janvier des Deux Siciles, Grand-Croix de l'Ordre de Notre Dame de la Conception de Villa Viçosa, de l'Ordre des Saints Maurice et Lazare, de l'Ordre Impérial du Medjidié, de l'Ordre Impérial de l'Aigle Blanc, de l'Ordre de l'Etoile Polaire, &c., &c., &c.;

Lesquels, après s'être communiqué réciproquement leurs pleins pouvoirs respectifs en bonne et due forme, sont convenus des Articles suivants:—

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ARTICLE I.

The power granted to the two Post Offices by Article XLI of the Convention of the 19th of October, 1844, between Great Britain and Belgium, to settle the measures of detail which were to be arranged by mutual consent for ensuring the execution of the said Convention, shall henceforth extend to other objects; and the two Offices shall have full authority to agree upon and to carry into effect, by mutual consent, any alterations in the rates of postage authorized by the said Convention to be charged on letters, newspapers, or other printed papers exchanged between the United Kingdom and Belgium, or in any other of the postal arrangements established between the two countries, whenever, by mutual consent, the two Governments shall have decided that such alterations would be beneficial to the Post Office service of the respective countries.

It is also agreed that the alterations so made in the rates of postage, or in the other postal arrangements, may be modified by the two Post Offices, whenever, by mutual consent, their respective Governments shall have determined that such modifications are expedient.

ARTICLE I.

Le pouvoir accordé aux deux Offices des Postes par l'Article XLI de la Convention du 19 Octobre, 1844, entre la Grande Bretagne et la Belgique, pour régler les mesures de détail qui ont été arrêtées de concert pour assurer l'exécution de la dite Convention, sera dorénavant étendu à d'autres objets; et les deux Offices auront pleine autorité d'introduire et de mettre à exécution, d'un commun accord, toutes modifications dans les prix de port autorisés par la dite Convention à percevoir sur les lettres, journaux, et imprimés échangés entre le Royaume Uni et la Belgique, ou dans tous autres arrangements postaux, toutes les fois que, d'un commun accord, les deux Gouvernements auront reconnu que ces modifications seraient utiles au bien du service des Postes des pays respectifs.

Il est convenu aussi que les modifications faites ainsi dans les prix de port, ou dans d'autres arrangements postaux, pourront être modifiés par les deux Offices des Postes toutes les fois que, d'un commun accord, leurs Gouvernements respectifs auront résolu que ces modifications sont utiles.

ARTICLE II.

The present Convention, which shall be considered as additional to the Convention of the 19th of October, 1844, shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Brussels within one month, or sooner if possible.

In witness whereof, the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Additional Convention, and have affixed thereto the seals of their arms.

Done at Brussels, the eighth day of January, 1857.

The Plenipotentiary of Her Britannic Majesty,

(L.S.) HOWARD DE WALDEN AND SEAFORD.

ARTICLE II.

La présente Convention, qui sera considérée comme additionnelle à la Convention du 19 Octobre, 1844, sera ratifiée, et les ratifications seront échangées à Bruxelles, dans le délai d'un mois, ou plus tôt si faire se peut.

En foi de quoi, les Plénipotentiaires respectifs ont signé la présente Convention Additionnelle, et y ont apposé les cachets de leurs armes.

Donné à Bruxelles, le huitième jour de Janvier, 1857.

Le Plénipotentiaire de Sa Majesté le Roi des Belges,

(L.S.) VTE. VILAIN XIIII.

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BELGIUM.

CONVENTION between Her Majesty and the King of the Belgians, enabling their respective Post Offices to make Postal Arrangements.

Signed at Brussels, January 8, 1857.

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CONVENTION

BETWEEN

HER MAJESTY

AND THE

EMPEROR OF THE FRENCH,

RELATIVE TO THE

RIGHTS OF FISHERY

ON THE

COAST OF NEWFOUNDLAND

AND THE NEIGHBOURING COASTS.

Signed at London, January 14, 1857.

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CONVENTION between Her Majesty and the Emperor of the French, relative to the Rights of Fishery on the Coast of Newfoundland and the neighbouring Coasts.

Signed at London, January 14, 1857.

[*Ratifications exchanged at London, January* 16, 1857.]

HER Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and His Majesty the Emperor of the French, being desirous to remove for the future all cause of misunderstanding between their respective subjects relative to the fisheries on the coast of the Island of Newfoundland and the neighbouring coasts, by regulating with exactness the rights and privileges of their said subjects, have resolved to conclude a Convention for that purpose, and have named as their Plenipotentiaries, that is to say:

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Right Honourable George William Frederick, Earl of Clarendon, Baron Hyde of Hindon, a Peer of the United Kingdom, a Member of Her Britannic Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Her Britannic Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; and the Right Honourable Henry Labouchere, a Member of Her Britannic Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, a Member of Parliament, Her Britannic Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies;

And His Majesty the Emperor of the French, the Sieur John Gilbert Victor Fialin, Count of Persigny, a Senator, Grand Cross of the Imperial Order of

SA Majesté la Reine du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, et Sa Majesté l'Empereur des Français, désirant écarter dans l'avenir toute cause de contestation entre leurs sujets respectifs dans l'exercice de la pêche sur les côtes de l'Ile de Terre-Neuve et sur les côtes avoisinantes, en réglant d'une manière précise les droits et privilèges des dits sujets, ont résolu de conclure une Convention à cet effet, et ont nommé pour leurs Plénipotentiaires, savoir:

Sa Majesté la Reine du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, le Très Honorable George Guillaume Frédéric, Comte de Clarendon, Baron Hyde de Hindon, Pair du Royaume Uni, Conseiller de Sa Majesté Britannique en Son Conseil Privé, Chevalier du Très Noble Ordre de la Jarretière, Chevalier Grand-Croix du Très Honorable Ordre du Bain, Principal Secrétaire d'Etat de Sa Majesté Britannique pour les Affaires Etrangères; et le Très Honorable Henri Labouchere, Conseiller de Sa Majesté Britannique en Son Conseil Privé, Membre du Parlement, Principal Secrétaire d'Etat de Sa Majesté Britannique pour les Colonies;

Et Sa Majesté l'Empereur des Français, le Sieur Jean Gilbert Victor Fialin, Comte de Persigny, Sénateur, Grand-Croix de l'Ordre Impérial de la Légion

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the Legion of Honour, Grand Cordon of the Imperial Order of the Medjidie of Turkey, Grand Cross of the Order of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus of Sardinia, Grand Cross of the Order of Danebrog of Denmark, His Ambassador to Her Britannic Majesty;

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon and concluded the following Articles:—

d'Honneur, Grand Cordon de l'Ordre Impérial du Medjidié de Turquie, Grand-Croix de l'Ordre des Saints Maurice et Lazare de Sardaigne, Grand-Croix de l'Ordre du Danebrog de Danemark, Son Ambassadeur près Sa Majesté Britannique;

Lesquels, après s'être communiqué leurs pleins pouvoirs respectifs, trouvés en bonne et due forme, ont arrêté et conclu les Articles suivants:—

ARTICLE I.

French subjects shall have the exclusive right to fish, and to use the strand for fishery purposes, during the season elsewhere specified (Article VIII), on the east coast of Newfoundland, from Cape St. John to the Quirpon Islands. They shall also have the right to fish, and to use the strand for fishery purposes, during the said season, to the exclusion of British subjects, on the north coast of Newfoundland, from the Quirpon Islands to Cape Norman; and on the west coast, in and upon the five fishing-harbours of Port-au-Choix, Small Harbour (or Petit Port), Port au Port, Red Island, and Cod Roy Island. Such exclusive fishing, from the Quirpon Islands to Cape Norman, shall extend to a distance of three marine miles due north from a straight line joining Cape Norman and Cape Bauld, and as regards the five harbours, shall extend to within a radius of three marine miles in all directions from the centre of each such harbour, but with power to the Commissioners or Umpire elsewhere provided for in this Convention to alter such limits for each harbour in accordance with the existing practice.

ARTICLE I.

Les sujets Français auront le droit exclusif de pêcher, et de se servir du rivage pour les besoins de leur pêche, pendant la saison spécifiée ailleurs (Article VIII), sur la côte orientale de Terre-Neuve, depuis le Cap St. Jean jusqu'aux Iles Quirpon. Ils auront aussi le droit de pêcher et de se servir du rivage pour les besoins de leur pêche pendant la dite saison, à l'exclusion des sujets Anglais, sur la côte septentrionale de Terre-Neuve, depuis les Iles Quirpon jusqu'au Cap Normand; et sur la côte occidentale, dans et sur les cinq hâvres de pêche de Port-au-Choix, Petit Hâvre ou Petit Port, Port à Port, l'Ile Rouge, et l'Ile Cod Roy. Ces droits de pêche exclusive s'étendront, entre les Iles Quirpon et le Cap Normand, jusqu'à une distance de trois milles marins dans le nord vrai de la ligne droite qui joint le Cap Normand au Cap Bauld, et pour les cinq hâvres, jusqu'à trois milles marins dans toutes les directions à partir du centre de chacun d'eux; toutefois, les Commissaires ou Arbitre désignés dans une autre partie de cette Convention pourront pour chaque hâvre modifier les dites limites selon la pratique existante.

ARTICLE II.

British subjects shall have the right, concurrently with French subjects, to fish on the west coast of Newfoundland, from Cape Norman to Cape Ray, except at the five above-mentioned points; but French subjects shall have the exclusive use of the strand for fishery purposes during the said season, from Cape Norman to Rock Point, in the Bay of Islands north of the River Humber, in latitude 49° 5′ (about), in addition to the strand of the reserved harbours.

ARTICLE II.

Les sujets Anglais auront le droit, concurremment avec les sujets Français, de pêcher sur la côte occidentale de Terre-Neuve, depuis le Cap Normand jusqu'au Cap Raye, excepté sur les cinq points ci-dessus mentionnés; mais les sujets Français auront l'usage exclusif du rivage pour les besoins de leur pêche pendant la dite saison, depuis le Cap Normand jusqu'à la Pointe Rock dans la Baie des Iles (au nord de la Rivière Humber), par 49° 5′ de latitude environ, en outre du rivage des hâvres réservés.

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ARTICLE III.

French subjects shall have the right, concurrently with British subjects, to fish on the coasts of Labrador from Blanc Sablon to Cape Charles, and of North Belleisle, together with liberty to dry and cure fish on any of the portions of the coast of North Belleisle aforesaid, which shall not be settled when this Convention shall come into operation. The British Government, however, retains the right to erect thereon buildings for military or public purposes; and if any settlement for permanent habitation shall be thereafter established on any portion of the coast of the said island, the right of French subjects to dry and cure fish on such portion of the coast shall cease, one season's notice of such settlement having been given beforehand to the French Commander on the station.

The said French concurrent right of fishing shall terminate at the embouchures or outlets of rivers and creeks: the place of each embouchure or outlet shall be determined, in the manner elsewhere specified in this Convention, by the Commissioners or Umpire.

ARTICLE III.

Les sujets Français auront le droit, concurremment avec les sujets Anglais, de pêcher sur les côtes du Labrador depuis Blanc Sablon jusqu'au Cap Charles, et sur celles de Belle-île du Nord. Ils auront la faculté de sêcher ou préparer le poisson sur toute partie des côtes de Belle-île non occupée au moment où cette Convention deviendra effective. Toutefois, le Gouvernement Britannique garde le droit d'élever sur ces points des constructions militaires ou publiques; et, si quelqu'établissement, ayant pour objet une habitation permanente, vient à être fondé ultérieurement sur une partie quelconque des côtes de l'île, le droit des sujets Français à sêcher et préparer le poisson à cet endroit cessera, moyennant que le Commandant de la station Française ait été prévenu une saison d'avance de cet établissement.

Le dit droit de pêche en concurrence des sujets Français s'arrêtera aux embouchures ou issues des rivières et criques: la position de chaque embouchure ou issue sera déterminée, comme il est spécifié dans une autre partie de cette Convention, par les Commissaires ou Arbitre.

ARTICLE IV.

From Rock Point in the Bay of Islands to Cape Ray, Great Britain shall have the unrestricted and exclusive use of the shore, except at the points above named in Article I, and within the land limits assigned for those points (Article X).

ARTICLE IV.

Depuis la Pointe Rock dans la Baie des Iles, jusqu'au Cap Raye, la Grande Bretagne aura exclusivement et sans restriction l'usage du rivage, excepté sur les points mentionnés en l'Article I, et dans les limites de terre assignées à ces points (Article X).

ARTICLE V.

French subjects shall have the right of purchasing bait, both herring and caplin, throughout the south coast of Newfoundland, including for this purpose the French Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, at sea or on shore, on equal terms with British subjects, without any restriction on the practice of such fishery by British subjects, and without any duty or restriction being imposed either on British or French subjects in respect of such traffic, or upon the export of such bait, on the part of Great Britain or of the Colony.

Should any circumstances whatever

ARTICLE V.

Les sujets Français auront le droit d'acheter l'appât, hareng et capelan, sur toute la côte sud de Terre-Neuve, en y comprenant à cet effet les Iles Françaises de St. Pierre et Miquelon, en mer ou à terre, sur le même pied que les sujets Anglais, sans que la Grande Bretagne ou la Colonie puisse imposer aux sujets Anglais aucune restriction dans la pratique de cette pêche; non plus qu'imposer aux sujets Anglais ou Français aucun droit ou restriction à l'occasion de cette transaction, ou sur l'exportation du dit appât.

Si des circonstances quelconques

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restrict, in a notorious manner previously established to the satisfaction of both the British and French naval Commanders on the station, during two seasons, consecutive or not, the said supply by purchase, French subjects shall have the right to fish for bait on the portion of the south coast of Newfoundland comprised between Cape St. Mary and Cape La Hune, during the French fishery seasons; French fishermen not being allowed to use any other nets than those employed for this kind of fishery: but this right shall cease as soon as the causes of the deficient supply shall have disappeared.

venaient à restreindre d'une manière notoire, et préalablement constatée à la satisfaction des Commandants des stations Anglaise et Française, pendant deux saisons, consécutives ou non, le dit approvisionnement par voie d'achat, les sujets Français auraient le droit de pêcher l'appât sur la partie de la côte sud de Terre-Neuve comprise entre le Cap St. Mary et le Cap La Hune, durant les saisons de pêche Française; ils ne pourraient dans ce cas faire usage d'aucun autre filet que ceux employés pour ce genre de pêche, et leur droit cesserait aussitôt que les causes de déficit dans l'approvisionnement par achat auraient disparu.

ARTICLE VI.

The lateral boundaries of the French rights of fishing toward the sea shall be as follows:—

At Cape Ray, a straight line drawn thence due west-south-west;

At Cape Norman, a straight line thence due north;

At Cape St. John's, as may be defined by the Commissioners or Umpire on the basis of existing agreements and practice;

At Cape Charles, a straight line thence due east;

At Blanc Sablon, a line as nearly perpendicular to the general direction of the coast as may be, the precise line to be determined by the Commissioners or Umpire.

ARTICLE VI.

Les limites latérales de mer des droits de pêche Français, seront les suivantes:—

Au Cap Raye, une ligne droite menée dans l'ouest-sud-ouest vrai;

Au Cap Normand, une ligne droite menée dans le nord vrai;

Au Cap St. Jean, selon qu'il en sera décidé par les Commissaires ou Arbitre, sur la base de l'accord et de la pratique actuels;

Au Cap Charles, une ligne droite menée dans l'est vrai;

Au Blanc Sablon, une ligne aussi perpendiculaire à la direction générale de la côte que pourront la déterminer les Commissaires ou Arbitre.

ARTICLE VII.

From Cape St. John to Rock Point in the Bay of Islands, the French right of fishing shall extend up all rivers or creeks as high as the salt water. From Rock Point to Cape Ray the right shall be limited to half a marine mile above the embouchure or outlet of each river or creek.

The point hereby limited for each river or creek from Cape St. John to Rock Point, and from Rock Point to Cape Ray, shall be settled in the manner elsewhere provided for by the Commissioners or Umpire.

ARTICLE VII.

Depuis le Cap St. Jean jusqu'à la Pointe Rock dans la Baie des Iles, le droit de pêche des Français s'étendra dans l'intérieur de toutes les rivières et criques, aussi loin que la salure des eaux. Depuis la Pointe Rock jusqu'au Cap Raye, ce droit sera limité à un demi-mille marin au-dessus de l'embouchure ou issue de chaque rivière ou crique.

Le point-limite pour chaque rivière ou crique depuis le Cap St. Jean jusqu'à la Pointe Rock, et depuis la Pointe Rock jusqu'au Cap Raye, sera déterminé, comme il est spécifié ailleurs, par les Commissaires ou Arbitre.

ARTICLE VIII.

The French season of fishery on the coast of Newfoundland, Labrador, and

ARTICLE VIII.

La saison de pêche Française sur les côtes de Terre-Neuve, du Labrador,

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North Belleisle, shall extend from the fifth of April to the fifth of October.

et de Belle-île du Nord, s'étendra du cinq Avril au cinq Octobre.

ARTICLE IX.

The naval officers of the French Government shall be entitled to enforce the said French exclusive rights of fishing, as defined in Article I, by expulsion of vessels or boats attempting concurrent fishing, in the case of there being no British cruizing-vessel in sight, or made known to be present, within a distance of five marine miles.

ARTICLE IX.

Les officiers de marine du Gouvernement Français seront fondés à mettre en vigueur les droits exclusifs de pêche des sujets Français, tels qu'ils sont définis par l'Article I, en expulsant les navires ou bateaux qui tenteraient de pêcher en concurrence, toutes les fois qu'il n'y aura pas, dans un rayon de cinq milles marins, de croiseur Anglais en vue, ou dont la présence ait été notifiée.

ARTICLE X.

The strand reserved for French exclusive use for fishery purposes shall extend to one-third of an English mile inland from high-water mark, from Rock Point to Bonne Bay, inclusive, and at the four reserved harbours south of Bonne Bay; and from Bonne Bay to Cape St. John, to half an English mile inland from high-water mark.

The land lateral boundaries of the reserved harbours shall be settled by the Commissioners or Umpire, in accordance with the existing practice.

The strand shall be laterally bounded, where it reaches the banks of rivers and creeks, by straight lines drawn perpendicularly to the direction of the said rivers and creeks at the place where the French right of fishing ceases, to be determined as to each river or creek, in the manner elsewhere specified, by the Commissioners or Umpire.

ARTICLE X.

Le rivage réservé à l'usage exclusif des Français pour les besoins de leur pêche s'étendra jusqu'à un tiers de mille Anglais dans l'intérieur à partir de la marque de haute mer, entre la Pointe Rock et Bonne Baie inclusivement, ainsi que sur les quatre hâvres réservés situés au sud de Bonne Baie; entre Bonne Baie et le Cap St. Jean, il s'étendra jusqu'à un demi-mille Anglais à partir de la marque de haute mer.

Les limites latérales de terre des hâvres réservés seront déterminées par les Commissaires ou Arbitre, conformément aux usages de la pratique existante.

A la rencontre des bords des rivières et criques, le rivage sera limité latéralement par les lignes droites menées perpendiculairement à la direction des dites rivières ou criques, dans l'endroit où cesse le droit de pêche des Français; cette limite sera déterminée pour chaque rivière ou crique, comme il est spécifié ailleurs, par les Commissaires ou Arbitre.

ARTICLE XI.

No British buildings or enclosures shall be erected, or maintained, on the strand reserved for French exclusive use, except for the purposes of military defence or of the public administration (in which case due notice of the intended erection thereof shall be first given to the French Government); but such existing buildings or enclosures as have stood and been in occupation upon this strand, without objection on the part of the French Government, for a period of five seasons preceding the

ARTICLE XI.

Aucun enclos ou construction Anglais ne pourra être fait, ni maintenu, sur le rivage réservé exclusivement aux Français, si ce n'est pour besoins de défense militaire ou d'administration publique, auquel cas un avis en due forme de l'intention d'élever ces ouvrages sera préalablement donné au Gouvernement Français. Si cependant, à la date de la présente Convention, il existait sur le dit rivage des constructions ou enclos occupés depuis cinq saisons, sans objection de la part

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date of this present Convention, shall not be liable to be removed without equitable compensation to the owners from the French Government, to be agreed on between the Naval Commanders of Great Britain and France on the station, or their respective delegates.

The French Naval Officers or other delegates duly nominated for this purpose by the French officer commanding-in-chief on the station, shall be entitled to take such measures as occasion may require, to put the French fishermen in possession of any portion of the strand, of which their exclusive use for fishery purposes is recognised by this present Convention, in case of there being no British police establishment, cruizing-vessel, or other recognized authority within a distance of five English miles.

Such measures may include the removal of buildings or enclosures, in conformity with the above stipulations, fifteen days' notice of any such intended removal having been given to any such British authority as aforesaid, if known to be within twenty English miles. Should there be no such authority within that distance, then the French officer commanding-in-chief shall, on the earliest opportunity after any such removal shall have taken place, report the same to the English officer commanding-in-chief.

du Gouvernement Français, ils ne pourraient être déplacés sans qu'une indemnité équitable, concertée entre les Commandants-en-chef des stations Anglaise et Française, ou leurs délégués respectifs, fût accordée aux propriétaires par le Gouvernement Français.

Les officiers de la Marine Française ou autres délégués dûment nommés à cet effet par le Commandant-en-chef de la station Française, seront fondés à prendre telles mesures que les circonstances exigeront pour mettre les pêcheurs Français en possession de toute partie du rivage, dont l'usage leur est exclusivement reconnu par cette Convention pour les besoins de la pêche, toutes les fois qu'il n'y aura pas d'établissement de police Anglais, de croiseur, ou d'autre autorité reconnue dans un rayon de cinq milles Anglais.

Ces mesures comprennent le droit de déplacer les constructions ou enclos, conformément aux stipulations qui précèdent, pourvu qu'un avis de l'intention d'effectuer ces déplacements ait été donné quinze jours d'avance à toute autorité Anglaise désignée ci-dessus, s'il en est connu d'établie dans un rayon de vingt milles Anglais. S'il n'existe pas d'autorité Anglaise dans ces limites, le Commandant-en-chef de la station Française informera par la plus prochaine occasion le Commandant-en-chef de la station Anglaise des déplacements qui auront pu être opérés.

ARTICLE XII.

No French buildings or inclosures shall be erected, or maintained, for fishery or other purposes, between Cape St. John and Rock Point beyond the limits hereby recognised as those of the French right to the use of the strand. And it shall be lawful for the British or Colonial Government to remove buildings and erections made beyond the said limits by French subjects, fifteen days' notice of any such intended removal having been given to the officer of any French cruising vessel, or other authority appointed for this purpose by the French officer commanding-in-chief, if known to be within twenty English miles. Should there be no such authority known to be within that distance, then the Government (British or Colonial) so removing shall, on the earliest opportunity after such removal shall have taken place, report

ARTICLE XII.

Aucun enclos ou construction Français ne pourra être fait, ni maintenu, pour besoins de pêche ou autres, entre le Cap St. Jean et la Pointe Rock, en dehors des limites reconnues par cette Convention comme celles du droit des Français sur le rivage. Il sera légal de la part du Gouvernement Britannique ou Colonial de déplacer tout ouvrage ou construction élevé en dehors des dites limites par les sujets Français, pourvu qu'un avis de l'intention d'effectuer ces déplacements ait été donné quinze jours d'avance aux croiseurs Français, ou à toute autre autorité préposée à cet effet par le Commandant-en-chef de la station Française, s'il en est connu d'existante dans un rayon de vingt milles Anglais. S'il n'y a pas d'autorité Française dans ces limites, celui des deux Gouvernements (Britannique ou Colonial) qui

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the same to the French officer commanding-in-chief.

But such buildings or inclosures as have stood and been in occupation beyond the said limits, without objection on the part of the British Government, for a period of five seasons preceding the date of this present Convention, shall not be liable to be removed without equitable compensation to the owners from the British Government, to be agreed on between the Naval Commanders of Great Britain and France on the station, or their respective delegates.

aura opéré ces déplacements, en informera par la plus prochaine occasion le Commandant-en-chef de la station Française.

Si cependant, à la date de la présente Convention, il existait en dehors du rivage des constructions ou enclos occupés depuis cinq saisons, sans objection de la part du Gouvernement Britannique, ils ne pourraient être déplacés sans qu'une indemnité équitable, concertée entre les Commandants des stations Anglaise et Française, ou leurs délégués respectifs, fut accordée aux propriétaires par le Gouvernement Britannique.

ARTICLE XIII.

If any building or erection, British or French, not in conformity with the stipulations of this present Convention, shall at any time have stood and been in occupation undisturbed by the French or British Governments respectively for five seasons, it shall not be removed without six months' notice to the occupier.

ARTICLE XIII.

Si une construction ou un ouvrage quelconque, Anglais ou Français, élevé en opposition avec les stipulations de la présente Convention, est, à quelqu'époque que ce soit, resté occupé sans objection de la part du Gouvernement Français ou Anglais respectivement, pendant une période de cinq saisons, le dit ouvrage ou construction ne pourra être déplacé avant un terme de six mois après notification à l'occupant.

ARTICLE XIV.

The British Government shall give the most positive orders to prevent injury to the French boats and fishery works during the winter; and in order to facilitate the apprehension of offenders in this respect, the French Government shall be allowed to employ British or French subjects for the custody of such boats and works, whether in the summer or winter, not to exceed in number three persons within any mile of coast. Such persons shall be subject in all respects to the local law of Newfoundland.

ARTICLE XIV.

Le Gouvernement Britannique donnera les ordres les plus positifs pour empêcher qu'il ne soit fait aucun dommage aux bâteaux et établissements de pêche Français pendant l'hiver; et afin de rendre plus facile l'appréhension des délinquants, le Gouvernement Français pourra employer à la garde des dits bâteaux et établissements, en été ou en hiver, des sujets Anglais ou Français, à raison de trois au plus par mille de côte. Ces gardiens seront à tous égards soumis à la loi locale de Terre-Neuve.

ARTICLE XV.

French subjects shall be at liberty to use on the strand reserved as aforesaid to their exclusive use for fishery purposes, any material and instruments they may think proper for their fishery erections; such erections and instruments being made and adapted for the drying and curing, or other preparation of fish, and for those purposes only.

ARTICLE XV.

Les sujets Français auront la faculté de se servir de tels matériaux et instruments qu'ils jugeront convenables pour leurs établissements de pêche sur le rivage réservé dans ce but, comme il a été dit, à leur usage exclusif. Ces établissements et instruments devront être construits et employés uniquement pour sêcher, préparer, ou manipuler le poisson d'une façon quelconque.

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ARTICLE XVI.

The privilege of French subjects to cut wood for the repair of their fishery erections and fishing vessels, from Cape St. John to Rock Point, may be exercised as far as required for the purpose, but not on private land without the consent of the occupier.

With respect to the four reserved harbours between Rock Point and Cape Ray, the same privilege shall be exercised on the mainland or elsewhere, within a radius of three marine miles from the centre of each harbour, such centre to be determined by the Commissioners or Umpire, as elsewhere specified.

ARTICLE XVI.

Le privilège des sujets Français de couper des bois pour la réparation de leurs établissements de pêche et navires pêcheurs pourra s'exercer, entre le Cap St. Jean et la Pointe Rock, aussi loin qu'il sera jugé nécessaire, mais pas sur les terrains particuliers sans le consentement de l'occupant.

En ce qui regarde les quatre hâvres réservés compris entre la Pointe Rock et le Cap Raye, le même privilège s'exercera sur la grande terre ou ailleurs, dans un rayon de trois milles marins autour du centre de chaque hâvre : ce centre sera déterminé par les Commissaires ou Arbitre, comme il est ailleurs spécifié.

ARTICLE XVII.

The provisions of the present Convention shall apply to the islands adjacent to the coasts mentioned, as well as to the coasts themselves, except where otherwise specified. The Islands of Groais and South Belleisle shall be regarded as adjacent to the nearest coast.

ARTICLE XVII.

Les stipulations de la présente Convention s'appliqueront aux îles adjacentes aux côtes mentionnées, aussi bien qu'aux côtes elles-mêmes, excepté sur les points où il en est disposé autrement. Les Iles de Groais et de Belle-île du Sud seront considérées comme adjacentes à la côte la plus voisine.

ARTICLE XVIII.

In order to settle the various points left by this Convention to be decided by Commissioners or an Umpire, each of the two Governments shall, on the application of the other, at any time after the passing by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain, and by the Provincial Legislature of Newfoundland, of the laws required to carry this Convention into operation, appoint a Commissioner, to enter immediately on his functions.

Whenever a case shall occur in which the said Commissioners may differ in opinion, they shall name some third person to act as an Arbitrator or Umpire therein. If they should not be able to agree in the choice of such a third person, they shall each name a person, and it shall be determined by lot which of the two persons so named shall be the Arbitrator or Umpire. In the event of the death, absence, or incapacity of either of the Commissioners, or of the Arbitrator or Umpire, or of their or his omitting, declining, or ceasing to act as such Commissioner, Arbitrator, or Umpire, another and different person shall be appointed or

ARTICLE XVIII.

Afin de régler les divers points laissés par cette Convention à la décision de Commissaires ou Arbitre, et lorsque les lois nécessaires pour rendre la Convention effective auront été votées par le Parlement Impérial de la Grande Bretagne et par la Législature Provinciale de Terre-Neuve, chacun des Gouvernements devra, sur la demande de l'autre, désigner un Commissaire, pour entrer immédiatement en fonctions.

Dans tous les cas où une divergence d'opinion pourra se produire entre les Commissaires, ils désigneront une personne tierce pour prononcer à titre d'Arbitre. S'ils ne tombent pas d'accord sur le choix de cette personne, chacun des Commissaires en nommera une, et celle des deux que le sort désignera sera l'Arbitre. En cas de mort, d'absence, ou d'incapacité de l'un des Commissaires ou de l'Arbitre, ou si l'un d'eux omet, refuse, ou cesse d'agir en sa qualité de Commissaire ou d'Arbitre, une autre personne sera nommée selon la forme indiquée ci-dessus pour agir en cette qualité, à la place de celui désigné antérieurement.

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named in the manner hereinbefore specified to act as such Commissioner, Arbitrator, or Umpire in the place and stead of the person so originally appointed or named as aforesaid.

The said Commissioners or Umpire shall frame regulations for the exercise of concurrent rights by the parties to this Convention, with a view to prevent collisions; such regulations to be approved by the respective Governments, and until so approved to be in force provisionally; but such regulations shall be subject to revision, with the consent of both Governments.

Dans le but de prévenir des collisions, les dits Commissaires ou Arbitre dresseront des réglements pour l'exercice des droits de pêche en concurrence attribués aux parties de cette Convention. Ces réglements devront être approuvés par les Gouvernements respectifs, et mis en vigueur provisoirement en attendant cette approbation; mais ils pourront être révisés avec le consentement des deux Gouvernements.

ARTICLE XIX.

All stipulations of former Treaties shall remain in force so far as they are not superseded or modified by this present Convention.

ARTICLE XIX.

Toutes les stipulations des Traités antérieurs restent en vigueur en ce qui n'est pas annulé ou modifié par la présente Convention.

ARTICLE XX.

The present Convention shall come into operation as soon as the laws required to carry it into effect shall have been passed by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain, and by the Provincial Legislature of Newfoundland: Her Britannic Majesty hereby engaging to use her best endeavours to procure the passing of such laws in sufficient time to enable Her to bring the Convention into operation on or before the 1st of January, 1858.

ARTICLE XX.

La présente Convention sera mise en pratique aussitôt que les lois nécessaires pour la rendre effective auront été votées par le Parlement Impérial de la Grande Bretagne, et par la Législature Provinciale de Terre-Neuve; et Sa Majesté Britannique s'engage par la présente Convention à user de tous ses efforts afin de procurer le vote des dites lois en temps convenable pour mettre la dite Convention en pratique le 1er Janvier, 1858, ou auparavant.

ARTICLE XXI.

The present Convention shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at London in fifteen days, or sooner if possible.

In witness whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the same, and have affixed thereto the seals of their arms.

Done at London, the fourteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

(L.S.) CLARENDON.
(L.S.) HENRY LABOUCHERE.
(L.S.) F. DE PERSIGNY.

ARTICLE XXI.

La présente Convention sera ratifiée, et les ratifications en seront échangées à Londres dans le délai de quinze jours, ou plus tôt si faire se peut.

En foi de quoi, les Plénipotentiaires respectifs l'ont signée, et y ont apposé le cachet de leurs armes.

Fait à Londres, le quatorze Janvier, l'an de grace mil huit cent cinquante-sept.

(L.S.) CLARENDON.
(L.S.) HENRY LABOUCHERE.
(L.S.) F. DE PERSIGNY.

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CONVENTION between Her Majesty and the Emperor of the French, relative to the Rights of Fishery on the Coast of Newfoundland and the neighbouring Coasts.

Signed at London, January 14, 1857.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by Command of Her Majesty. 1857.

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CONVENTION

BETWEEN

HER MAJESTY

AND THE

EMPEROR OF THE FRENCH,

RELATIVE TO

COMMUNICATION BY POST.

Signed at Paris, September 24, 1856.

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CONVENTION between Her Majesty and the Emperor of the French, relative to Communication by Post.

Signed at Paris, September 24, 1856.

[*Ratifications exchanged at Paris, November* 19, 1856.]

HER Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and His Majesty the Emperor of the French, alike animated with the desire of strengthening the ties of friendship and of neighbourly esteem which unite the two countries, and of improving the communications by the Posts of their respective dominions, have determined upon securing this important result by means of a new Convention, and have named as their Plenipotentiaries for this purpose, namely:

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Most Honourable Henry Richard Charles Lord Cowley, a Peer of the United Kingdom, a Member of Her Britannic Majesty's Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Emperor of the French, &c., &c., &c.;

And His Majesty the Emperor of the French, M. Alexander Count Colonna Walewski, a Senator of the Empire, His Secretary of State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Grand Cross of the Imperial Order of the Legion of Honour, Grand Cross of the Order of St. Stephen of Austria, of the Order of the Black Eagle of Prussia, &c., &c.,&c.;

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found to be in good and due form, have agreed upon the following Articles:—

SA Majesté la Reine du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, et Sa Majesté l'Empereur des Français, également animés du désir de resserrer les liens d'amitié et de bon voisinage qui unissent les deux pays, et d'améliorer les communications par les Postes de leurs Etats respectifs, ont résolu d'assurer cet important résultat au moyen d'une nouvelle Convention, et ont nommé pour leurs Plénipotentiaires à cet effet, savoir:

Sa Majesté la Reine du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, le Très Honorable Henry Richard Charles Lord Cowley, Pair du Royaume Uni, Conseiller de Sa Majesté Britannique en Son Conseil Privé, Chevalier Grand-Croix du Très Honorable Ordre du Bain, Ambassadeur Extraordinaire et Plénipotentiaire de Sa Majesté près Sa Majesté l'Empereur des Français, &c., &c., &c.;

Et Sa Majesté l'Empereur des Français, M. le Comte Alexandre Colonna Walewski, Sénateur de l'Empire, Son Ministre et Secrétaire d'Etat au Département des Affaires Etrangères, Grand-Croix de Son Ordre Impérial de la Légion d'Honneur, Grand-Croix de l'Ordre de Saint Etienne d'Autriche, de l'Ordre de l'Aigle Noir de Prusse, &c., &c., &c.;

Lesquels, après s'être réciproquement communiqué leurs pleins pouvoirs respectifs, trouvés en bonne et due forme, sont convenus des Articles suivants:—

ARTICLE I.

There shall be a regular exchange of letters, newspapers, and printed papers of all kinds, between the Post Office of Great Britain and the Post Office of France, by means of two lines of steam-

ARTICLE I.

Il y aura entre l'Administration des Postes Britanniques et l'Administration des Postes de France, un échange régulier de lettres, de journaux, et d'imprimés de toute nature, au moyen

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packets which shall continue to be maintained or subsidized, the one by the British Government, and the other by the French Government, on the line between Dover and Calais.

The British Post Office and the French Post Office shall regulate, by mutual consent, and in accordance with the well-understood interest of the two countries, the days and hours of departure and arrival of the above-mentioned packets.

de deux services de paquebots-à-vapeur qui continueront à être entretenus ou subventionnés, l'un par le Gouvernement Britannique, et l'autre par le Gouvernement Français, sur la ligne de Douvres à Calais.

L'Administration des Postes Britanniques et l'Administration des Postes de France régleront, de concert, et dans l'intérêt bien entendu des deux pays, les jours et heures de départ et d'arrivée des paquebots sus-mentionnés.

ARTICLE II.

Independently of the correspondence which shall be exchanged between the Post Offices of the two countries by the route pointed out in the preceding Article, those Offices may mutually forward from one to the other letters, newspapers, and printed papers of all kinds, by the several routes hereinafter enumerated :—

1. By the packets which the British Government and the French Government may respectively think it right to maintain, to freight, or to subsidize, for the conveyance of correspondence.

2. By merchant ships plying between the British and the French ports.

ARTICLE II.

Indépendamment des correspondances qui seront échangées entre les Administrations des Postes des deux pays, par la voie indiquée dans l'Article précédent, ces Administrations pourront s'expédier réciproquement des lettres, des journaux, et des imprimés de toute nature. par les différentes voies ci-après désignées, savoir :—

1. Par les paquebots que le Gouvernement Britannique et le Gouvernement Français pourront respectivement juger à propos d'entretenir, de fréter, ou de subventionner, pour opérer le transport des correspondances.

2. Par les bâtiments du commerce naviguant entre les ports Britanniques et les ports Français.

ARTICLE III.

The commanders of merchant ships before sailing from the ports of France or Algeria for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, on the one part, and the commanders of British or French merchant ships before sailing from the ports of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for France or Algeria, on the other part, shall be bound to take charge of the mails which the Post Offices at the ports of departure may have to deliver to them.

No merchant steamer leaving one of the ports of France or Algeria for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland shall receive its clearance unless the commander present to the authorities empowered to issue that document a certificate from the director or chief officer of the posts, proving the delivery of the mails addressed to the place of the ship's destination, or that there were no mails to deliver to him.

ARTICLE III.

Les capitaines des navires du commerce devant appareiller des ports de la France ou de l'Algérie pour le Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, d'une part, et les capitaines des navires Britanniques et des navires Français du commerce devant appareiller des ports du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande pour la France ou l'Algérie, d'autre part, seront tenus de se charger des dépêches que les Bureaux de Poste des ports de départ pourraient avoir à leur remettre.

Aucun bateau-à-vapeur du commerce devant partir d'un des ports de la France ou de l'Algérie pour le Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande ne pourra recevoir son billet de sortie, si le capitaine ne présente aux autorités chargées de délivrer cette pièce un certificat du directeur ou du préposé des postes, constatant la remise des dépêches adressées au lieu de destination de ce navire, ou qu'on n'en avait pas à lui remettre.

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ARTICLE IV.

The payments on account of the sea-conveyance of letters contained in the mails exchanged between the British and French Post Offices by means of merchant ships, shall be made to the commanders or owners of those vessels by the Post Offices of the ports of destination, at the rate of ten centimes, or one penny, per letter.

The British Post Office and the French Post Office shall divide equally the payments made to the commanders or owners of the merchant ships, in accordance with the stipulations of this Article.

ARTICLE IV.

Les frais résultant du transport, par mer, des lettres comprises dans les dépêches échangées entre l'Administration des Postes Britanniques et l'Administration des Postes de France, par la voie des bâtiments du commerce, seront payés aux capitaines ou armateurs de ces bâtiments par les Bureaux de Poste des ports de destination, à raison de dix centimes, ou un penny, par lettre.

L'Administration des Postes Britanniques et l'Administration des Postes de France supporteront par moitié, les frais de transport payés aux capitaines ou armateurs des bâtiments du commerce, en vertu des dispositions du présent Article.

ARTICLE V.

When the packets employed by the British Post Office or by the French Post Office in execution of Articles I and II of the present Convention are national vessels, the property of Government, or vessels chartered or subsidized by Government, they shall be considered and treated as vessels of war, in the ports of the two countries at which they regularly or accidentally touch, and be there entitled to the same honours and privileges.

These packets shall be exempted in the said ports, as well upon their entrance as upon their departure, from all tonnage, navigation, and port dues; excepting, however, the vessels freighted or subsidized by Government, which must pay such dues in those ports where they are levied on behalf of corporations, private companies, or individuals.

They shall not on any account be diverted from their especial duty, or be liable to seizure, detention, embargo, or *arrêt de Prince.*

ARTICLE V.

Lorsque les paquebots employés par l'Administration des Postes Britanniques ou par l'Administration des Postes de France, en exécution des Articles I et II de la présente Convention, seront des bâtiments nationaux, propriété de l'Etat, ou des bâtiments frétés ou subventionnés par l'Etat, ils seront considérés et reçus comme vaisseaux de guerre dans les ports des deux pays où ils aborderont régulièrement ou accidentellement, et ils y jouiront des mêmes honneurs et priviléges.

Ces paquebots seront exempts dans les dits ports, tant à leur entrée qu'à leur sortie, de tous droits de tonnage, de navigation, et de port; excepté toutefois les bâtiments frétés ou subventionnés par l'Etat, lesquels devront acquitter ces droits dans les ports où ils sont établis au profit des corporations, compagnies particulières, ou personnes privées.

Ils ne pourront à aucun titre être détournés de leur destination, ni être sujets à saisie-arrêt, embargo, ou arrêt de Prince.

ARTICLE VI.

The packets of the two Offices shall be at liberty to take on board or land at the ports of the two countries at which they touch, whether regularly or accidentally, specie and gold and silver bullion, as well as passengers, of whatever nation they may be, with their wearing apparel or luggage, on condition that the captains of those

ARTICLE VI.

Les paquebots des deux Administrations pourront embarquer ou débarquer dans les ports des deux Etats où ils aborderont, soit régulièrement, soit accidentellement, des espèces et matières d'or ou d'argent, aussi que des passagers, de quelque nation qu'ils puissent être, avec leurs hardes ou effets personnels, sous la condition que les capitaines de

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packets shall submit to the sanitary, police, and customs' regulations of those ports concerning the arrival and departure of travellers.

Nevertheless, the passengers admitted on board those packets who do not think fit to land during the stay at one of the said ports, shall not, under any pretext, be removed from on board, be liable to any search, or be subjected to the formality of a *visa* of their passports.

ces paquebots se soumettront aux règlements sanitaires, de police, et de douane de ces ports, concernant l'entrée et la sortie des voyageurs.

Toutefois, les passagers admis sur ces paquebots qui ne jugeraient pas à propos de descendre à terre pendant la relâche dans l'un des susdits ports, ne pourront, sous aucun prétexte, être enlevés du bord, ni assujettis à aucune perquisition, ni soumis à la formalité du visa de leurs passeports.

ARTICLE VII.

The packets of the two Offices may enter or leave the ports of the two States at any hour of the day or night. They may also, if they think proper, without anchoring, embark or disembark the mails and passengers in the roads or at the entrance of the harbours, so long as they observe the regulations referred to in Article VI preceding.

ARTICLE VII.

Les paquebots des deux Administrations pourront entrer dans les ports des deux Etats, ou en sortir, à toute heure du jour ou de la nuit. Ils pourront aussi, sans mouiller, s'ils le jugent convenable, envoyer ou faire prendre en rade ou à portée des ports, la correspondance et les passagers, sauf l'observation des règlements mentionnés dans l'Article VI précédent.

ARTICLE VIII.

Whenever a packet carrying mails shall be compelled to put into any port of either of the two States, other than that at which such packet should touch, the Post Office of the place where the said mails shall be landed, shall use the most certain and expeditious means of forwarding them to their destination.

ARTICLE VIII.

En cas de relâche forcée d'un paquebot porteur de dépêches, dans un port de l'un des deux Etats, autre que celui où ce paquebot devait aborder, l'Administration sur le territoire de laquelle ces dépêches auront été débarquées, devra employer les moyens les plus sûrs et les plus prompts pour les faire parvenir à destination.

ARTICLE IX.

The British Government reserves to itself the full and entire power to modify, when necessary, the route as well as the days and hours of departure and arrival of the packets which it may think proper to maintain, to freight, or to subsidize, for the conveyance of correspondence.

The French Government reserves to itself the same power as regards the packets which it may think right to maintain, to freight, or to subsidize for the conveyance of correspondence.

The two Offices shall be bound to give each other timely notice of the above-mentioned alterations.

It is, nevertheless, understood that the provisions of the present Article

ARTICLE IX.

Le Gouvernement Britannique se réserve la faculté pleine et entière de modifier, quand besoin sera, l'itinéraire ainsi que les jours et les heures du départ et de l'arrivée des paquebots qu'il pourra juger à propos d'entretenir, de fréter, ou de subventionner, pour opérer le transport des correspondances.

Le Gouvernement Français se réserve la même faculté relativement aux paquebots qu'il pourra juger à propos d'entretenir, de fréter, ou de subventionner, pour opérer le transport des correspondances.

Les deux Administrations seront tenues de se donner, en temps utile, avis préalable des modifications susénoncées.

Il est entendu toutefois que les dispositions du présent Article ne sont

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are not applicable to the two services established between Dover and Calais in virtue of Article I of the present Convention.

pas applicables aux deux services établis entre Douvres et Calais en vertu de l'Article I de la présente Convention.

ARTICLE X.

In case of accidents or damage sustained in the course of their navigation by the packets respectively employed by the two Offices in the conveyance of the mails, the Contracting Parties engage to afford mutually to those vessels, all the aid and assistance which their situation may require, and to cause all necessary repairs to be made, and all damaged or destroyed rigging and machinery to be replaced by their arsenals, as far as may be practicable, according to the fixed charges of those establishments.

ARTICLE X.

En cas de sinistre ou d'avaries survenues dans le cours de leur navigation aux paquebots respectivement employés par les deux Administrations au transport des correspondances, les Parties Contractantes s'engagent à donner réciproquement à ces bâtiments, tous les secours et l'assistance que leur position réclamera, et à faire fournir par leurs arsenaux, au prix des tarifs de ces établissements, et pour autant qu'ils seront convenablement outillés, les réparations et remplacement des agrès ou machines avariées ou brisées.

ARTICLE XI.

In case of war between the two nations, the packets of the two Offices shall continue their navigation, without impediment or molestation, until a notification is made on the part of either of the two Governments, of the discontinuance of the postal communications; in which case they shall be permitted to return freely, and under special protection, to their respective ports.

ARTICLE XI.

En cas de guerre entre les deux nations, les paquebots des deux Administrations continueront leur navigation sans obstacle ni molestation, jusqu'à notification de la rupture des communications postales, faite par l'un des deux Gouvernements; auquel cas il leur sera permis de retourner librement et sous protection spéciale dans leurs ports respectifs.

ARTICLE XII.

The captains of the packets engaged in the conveyance of the respective mails of the two Offices, are forbidden to take charge of any letter not included in their mail-bags, except, however, despatches of their Governments. They must take care that no letters are conveyed illegally by their crews or passengers, and must give information in the proper quarter of any breach of the laws which may be committed in that respect.

ARTICLE XII.

Il est défendu aux commandants des paquebots employés au transport des dépêches respectives des deux Administrations, de se charger d'aucune lettre, en dehors de ces dépêches, excepté toutefois celles de leur Gouvernement. Ils veilleront à ce qu'il ne soit pas transporté de lettres en fraude par leurs équipages ou par les passagers, et ils dénonceront à qui de droit les infractions qui pourront être commises.

ARTICLE XIII.

The postage to be collected in France and Algeria upon paid letters addressed either to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland or to the Island of Malta, as well as upon unpaid letters originating either in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or in the Island of Malta, shall be as follows, viz. :—

ARTICLE XIII.

Le port à percevoir en France et en Algérie sur les lettres affranchies à destination soit du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, soit de l'Ile de Malte, ainsi que sur les lettres non-affranchies originaires, soit du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, soit de l'Ile de Malte, est fixé, savoir :—

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1. For every paid letter, forty centimes per seven grammes and a-half, or fraction of seven grammes and a-half.

2. And for every unpaid letter, eighty centimes per seven grammes and a-half, or fraction of seven grammes and a-half.

Reciprocally, the postage to be collected either in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland or in the Island of Malta upon paid letters addressed to France and Algeria, as well as upon unpaid letters originating in France and Algeria, shall be as follows, viz.:—

1. For every paid letter, four pence per quarter of an ounce British, or fraction of a quarter of an ounce British.

2. And for every unpaid letter, eight pence per quarter of an ounce British, or fraction of a quarter of an ounce British.

1. Pour chaque lettre affranchie, à quarante centimes par sept grammes et demi, ou fraction de sept grammes et demi.

2. Et pour chaque lettre non-affranchie, à quatre-vingts centimes par sept grammes et demi, ou fraction de sept grammes et demi.

Réciproquement, le port à percevoir, soit dans le Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, soit dans l'Ile de Malte, sur les lettres affranchies à destination de la France et de l'Algérie, ainsi que sur les lettres non-affranchies originaires de la France et de l'Algérie, est fixé, savoir:—

1. Pour chaque lettre affranchie, à quatre pence par quart d'once Britannique, ou fraction de quart d'once Britannique.

2. Et pour chaque lettre non-affranchie, à huit pence par quart d'once Britannique, ou fraction de quart d'once Britannique.

ARTICLE XIV.

The French Post Office shall pay to the British Post Office, viz.:—

1. For paid letters sent from France or Algeria, addressed to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the sum of sixty centimes per thirty grammes, net weight.

2. For paid letters sent from France and Algeria, addressed to the Island of Malta, the sum of forty centimes per thirty grammes, net weight.

3. For unpaid letters sent from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, addressed to France and Algeria, the sum of one franc twenty centimes per thirty grammes, net weight.

4. And for unpaid letters sent from the Island of Malta, addressed to France and Algeria, the sum of eighty centimes per thirty grammes, net weight.

On its side, the British Post Office shall pay to the French Post Office, viz.:—

1. For paid letters sent from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, addressed to France and Algeria, the sum of one franc per ounce British, net weight.

2. For paid letters sent from the Island of Malta, addressed to France

ARTICLE XIV.

L'Administration des Postes de France paiera à l'Administration des Postes Britanniques, savoir:—

1. Pour les lettres affranchies expédiées de la France et de l'Algérie à destination du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, la somme de soixante centimes par trente grammes, poids net.

2. Pour les lettres affranchies expédiées de la France et de l'Algérie à destination de l'Ile de Malte, la somme de quarante centimes par trente grammes, poids net.

3. Pour les lettres non-affranchies expédiées du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande à destination de la France et de l'Algérie, la somme d'un franc vingt centimes par trente grammes, poids net.

4. Et pour les lettres non-affranchies expédiées de l'Ile de Malte pour la France et l'Algérie, la somme de quatre-vingts centimes par trente grammes, poids net.

De son côté, l'Administration des Postes Britanniques paiera à l'Administration des Postes de France, savoir:—

1. Pour les lettres affranchies expédiées du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande à destination de la France et de l'Algérie, la somme d'un franc par once Britannique, poids net.

2. Pour les lettres affranchies expédiées de l'Ile de Malte à destination de

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and Algeria, the sum of one franc twenty centimes per ounce British, net weight.

3. For unpaid letters sent from France and Algeria, addressed to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the sum of two francs per ounce British, net weight.

4. And for unpaid letters sent from France and Algeria, addressed to the Island of Malta, the sum of two francs forty centimes per ounce British, net weight.

la France et de l'Algérie, la somme d'un franc vingt centimes par once Britannique, poids net.

3. Pour les lettres non-affranchies expédiées de la France et de l'Algérie à destination du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, la somme de deux francs par once Britannique, poids net.

4. Et pour les lettres non-affranchies expédiées de la France et de l'Algérie à destination de l'Ile de Malte, la somme de deux francs quarante centimes par once Britannique, poids net.

ARTICLE XV.

The rate to be collected in the French Post Offices established in Turkey, in Syria, and in Egypt, as well upon prepaid letters addressed to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Island of Malta, as upon unpaid letters from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and from the Island of Malta, is fixed as follows, viz. :—

1. For every paid letter addressed to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the sum of sixty centimes per seven grammes and a-half, or fraction of seven grammes and a-half.

2. For every paid letter addressed to the Island of Malta, the sum of forty centimes per seven grammes and a-half, or fraction of seven grammes and a-half.

3. For every unpaid letter originating in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the sum of ninety centimes per seven grammes and a-half, or fraction of seven grammes and a-half.

4. And for every unpaid letter originating in the Island of Malta, the sum of sixty centimes per seven grammes and a-half, or fraction of seven grammes and a-half.

Reciprocally, the rate to be collected either in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or in the Island of Malta, upon paid letters addressed to the French Post Offices established in Turkey, in Syria, and in Egypt, as well as upon unpaid letters from the said Offices, shall be as follows, viz. :—

1. For every paid letter originating in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the sum of six pence per quarter of an ounce British, or

ARTICLE XV.

Le port à percevoir dans les Bureaux de Poste Français établis en Turquie, en Syrie, et en Egypte, tant sur les lettres affranchies à destination du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, et de l'Ile de Malte, que sur les lettres non-affranchies provenant du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, et de l'Ile de Malte, est fixé, savoir :—

1. Pour chaque lettre affranchie à destination du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, à la somme de soixante centimes par sept grammes et demi, ou fraction de sept grammes et demi.

2. Pour chaque lettre affranchie à destination de l'Ile de Malte, à la somme de quarante centimes par sept grammes et demi, ou fraction de sept grammes et demi.

3. Pour chaque lettre non-affranchie originaire du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, à la somme de quatre-vingt-dix centimes par sept grammes et demi, ou fraction de sept grammes et demi.

4. Et pour chaque lettre non-affranchie originaire de l'Ile de Malte, à la somme de soixante centimes par sept grammes et demi, ou fraction de sept grammes et demi.

Réciproquement, le port à percevoir, soit dans le Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, soit dans l'Ile de Malte, sur les lettres affranchies à destination des Bureaux Français établis en Turquie, en Syrie, et en Egypte, ainsi que sur les lettres non-affranchies provenant des dits Bureaux, est fixé, savoir :—

1. Pour chaque lettre affranchie originaire du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, à la somme de six pence par quart d'once

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1. For every paid letter, forty centimes per seven grammes and a-half, or fraction of seven grammes and a-half.

2. And for every unpaid letter, eighty centimes per seven grammes and a-half, or fraction of seven grammes and a-half.

Reciprocally, the postage to be collected either in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland or in the Island of Malta upon paid letters addressed to France and Algeria, as well as upon unpaid letters originating in France and Algeria, shall be as follows, viz. :—

1. For every paid letter, four pence per quarter of an ounce British, or fraction of a quarter of an ounce British.

2. And for every unpaid letter, eight pence per quarter of an ounce British, or fraction of a quarter of an ounce British.

1. Pour chaque lettre affranchie, à quarante centimes par sept grammes et demi, ou fraction de sept grammes et demi.

2. Et pour chaque lettre non-affranchie, à quatre-vingts centimes par sept grammes et demi, ou fraction de sept grammes et demi.

Réciproquement, le port à percevoir, soit dans le Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, soit dans l'Ile de Malte, sur les lettres affranchies à destination de la France et de l'Algérie, ainsi que sur les lettres non-affranchies originaires de la France et de l'Algérie, est fixé, savoir :—

1. Pour chaque lettre affranchie, à quatre pence par quart d'once Britannique, ou fraction de quart d'once Britannique.

2. Et pour chaque lettre non-affranchie, à huit pence par quart d'once Britannique, ou fraction de quart d'once Britannique.

ARTICLE XIV.

The French Post Office shall pay to the British Post Office, viz. :—

1. For paid letters sent from France or Algeria, addressed to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the sum of sixty centimes per thirty grammes, net weight.

2. For paid letters sent from France and Algeria, addressed to the Island of Malta, the sum of forty centimes per thirty grammes, net weight.

3. For unpaid letters sent from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, addressed to France and Algeria, the sum of one franc twenty centimes per thirty grammes, net weight.

4. And for unpaid letters sent from the Island of Malta, addressed to France and Algeria, the sum of eighty centimes per thirty grammes, net weight.

On its side, the British Post Office shall pay to the French Post Office, viz. :—

1. For paid letters sent from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, addressed to France and Algeria, the sum of one franc per ounce British, net weight.

2. For paid letters sent from the Island of Malta, addressed to France

ARTICLE XIV.

L'Administration des Postes de France paiera à l'Administration des Postes Britanniques, savoir :—

1. Pour les lettres affranchies expédiées de la France et de l'Algérie à destination du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, la somme de soixante centimes par trente grammes, poids net.

2. Pour les lettres affranchies expédiées de la France et de l'Algérie à destination de l'Ile de Malte, la somme de quarante centimes par trente grammes, poids net.

3. Pour les lettres non-affranchies expédiées du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande à destination de la France et de l'Algérie, la somme d'un franc vingt centimes par trente grammes, poids net.

4. Et pour les lettres non-affranchies expédiées de l'Ile de Malte pour la France et l'Algérie, la somme de quatre-vingts centimes par trente grammes, poids net.

De son côté, l'Administration des Postes Britanniques paiera à l'Administration des Postes de France, savoir :—

1. Pour les lettres affranchies expédiées du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande à destination de la France et de l'Algérie, la somme d'un franc par once Britannique, poids net.

2. Pour les lettres affranchies expédiées de l'Ile de Malte à destination de

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and Algeria, the sum of one franc twenty centimes per ounce British, net weight.

3. For unpaid letters sent from France and Algeria, addressed to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the sum of two francs per ounce British, net weight.

4. And for unpaid letters sent from France and Algeria, addressed to the Island of Malta, the sum of two francs forty centimes per ounce British, net weight.

la France et de l'Algérie, la somme d'un franc vingt centimes par once Britannique, poids net.

3. Pour les lettres non-affranchies expédiées de la France et de l'Algérie à destination du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, la somme de deux francs par once Britannique, poids net.

4. Et pour les lettres non-affranchies expédiées de la France et de l'Algérie à destination de l'Ile de Malte, la somme de deux francs quarante centimes par once Britannique, poids net.

ARTICLE XV.

The rate to be collected in the French Post Offices established in Turkey, in Syria, and in Egypt, as well upon prepaid letters addressed to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Island of Malta, as upon unpaid letters from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and from the Island of Malta, is fixed as follows, viz. :—

1. For every paid letter addressed to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the sum of sixty centimes per seven grammes and a-half, or fraction of seven grammes and a-half.

2. For every paid letter addressed to the Island of Malta, the sum of forty centimes per seven grammes and a-half, or fraction of seven grammes and a-half.

3. For every unpaid letter originating in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the sum of ninety centimes per seven grammes and a-half, or fraction of seven grammes and a-half.

4. And for every unpaid letter originating in the Island of Malta, the sum of sixty centimes per seven grammes and a-half, or fraction of seven grammes and a-half.

Reciprocally, the rate to be collected either in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or in the Island of Malta, upon paid letters addressed to the French Post Offices established in Turkey, in Syria, and in Egypt, as well as upon unpaid letters from the said Offices, shall be as follows, viz. :—

1. For every paid letter originating in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the sum of six pence per quarter of an ounce British, or

ARTICLE XV.

Le port à percevoir dans les Bureaux de Poste Français établis en Turquie, en Syrie, et en Egypte, tant sur les lettres affranchies à destination du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, et de l'Ile de Malte, que sur les lettres non-affranchies provenant du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, et de l'Ile de Malte, est fixé, savoir :—

1. Pour chaque lettre affranchie à destination du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, à la somme de soixante centimes par sept grammes et demi, ou fraction de sept grammes et demi.

2. Pour chaque lettre affranchie à destination de l'Ile de Malte, à la somme de quarante centimes par sept grammes et demi, ou fraction de sept grammes et demi.

3. Pour chaque lettre non-affranchie originaire du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, à la somme de quatre-vingt-dix centimes par sept grammes et demi, ou fraction de sept grammes et demi.

4. Et pour chaque lettre non-affranchie originaire de l'Ile de Malte, à la somme de soixante centimes par sept grammes et demi, ou fraction de sept grammes et demi.

Réciproquement, le port à percevoir, soit dans le Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, soit dans l'Ile de Malte, sur les lettres affranchies à destination des Bureaux Français établis en Turquie, en Syrie, et en Egypte, ainsi que sur les lettres non-affranchies provenant des dits Bureaux, est fixé, savoir :—

1. Pour chaque lettre affranchie originaire du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, à la somme de six pence par quart d'once

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fraction of a quarter of an ounce British.

2. For every paid letter originating in the Island of Malta, the sum of four pence per quarter of an ounce British, or fraction of a quarter of an ounce British.

3. For every unpaid letter addressed to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the sum of nine pence per quarter of an ounce British, or fraction of a quarter of an ounce British.

4. And for every unpaid letter addressed to the Island of Malta, the sum of six pence per quarter of an ounce British, or fraction of a quarter of an ounce British.

Britannique, ou fraction de quart d'once Britannique.

2. Pour chaque lettre affranchie originaire de l'Ile de Malte, à la somme de quatre pence par quart d'once Britannique, ou fraction de quart d'once Britannique.

3. Pour chaque lettre non-affranchie à destination du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, à la somme de neuf pence par quart d'once Britannique, ou fraction de quart d'once Britannique.

4. Et pour chaque lettre non-affranchie à destination de l'Ile de Malte, à la somme de six pence par quart d'once Britannique, ou fraction de quart-d'once Britannique.

ARTICLE XVI.

The French Post Office shall pay to the British Post Office, as well for paid letters from the French Offices established in Turkey, in Syria, and in Egypt, addressed to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or to the Island of Malta, as for unpaid letters forwarded either from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or from the Island of Malta, to the French Offices established in Turkey, in Syria, and in Egypt, as follows, viz. :—

1. For paid letters addressed to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the sum of sixty centimes per thirty grammes, net weight.

2. For paid letters addressed to the Island of Malta, the sum of fifty centimes per thirty grammes, net weight.

3. For unpaid letters originating in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the sum of one franc twenty centimes per thirty grammes, net weight.

4. For unpaid letters originating in the Island of Malta, the sum of ninety centimes per thirty grammes net weight.

As to the rate at which the British Post Office, on its side, shall account to the French Post Office for letters paid, either in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland or in the Island of Malta, addressed to the French Offices established in Turkey, in Syria, and in Egypt, as well as for unpaid letters originating in the said

ARTICLE XVI.

L'Administration des Postes de France paiera à l'Administration des Postes Britanniques tant pour les lettres affranchies dans les Bureaux Français établis en Turquie, en Syrie et en Egypte, à destination du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, et de l'Ile de Malte, que pour les lettres non-affranchies expédiées soit du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, soit de l'Ile de Malte, à destination des Bureaux Français établis en Turquie, en Syrie, et en Egypte, savoir :—

1. Pour les lettres affranchies à destination du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, la somme de soixante centimes par trente grammes, poids net.

2. Pour les lettres affranchies à destination de l'Ile de Malte, la somme de cinquante centimes par trente grammes, poids net.

3. Pour les lettres non-affranchies originaires du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, la somme d'un franc vingt centimes par trente grammes, poids net.

4. Pour les lettres non-affranchies originaires de l'Ile de Malte, la somme de quatre-vingt-dix centimes par trente grammes, poids net.

Quant au prix dont l'Administration des Postes Britanniques devra, de son côté, tenir compte à l'Administration des Postes de France pour les lettres affranchies, soit dans le Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, soit dans l'Ile de Malte, à destination des Bureaux Français établis en Turquie, en Syrie, et en Egypte, ainsi

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Offices, and addressed either to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland or to the Island of Malta, it shall be fixed as follows, namely :—

1. For paid letters from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the sum of one franc eighty centimes per ounce British, net weight.

2. For paid letters originating in the Island of Malta, the sum of one franc ten centimes per ounce British, net weight.

3. For unpaid letters addressed to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the sum of two francs forty centimes per ounce British, net weight.

4. And for unpaid letters addressed to the Island of Malta, the sum of one franc fifty centimes per ounce British, net weight.

que pour les lettres non-affranchies originaires des dits Bureaux, et à destination soit du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, soit de l'Ile de Malte, il est fixé comme il suit, savoir :—

1. Pour les lettres affranchies provenant du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, à la somme d'un franc quatre-vingts centimes par once Britannique, poids net.

2. Pour les lettres affranchies originaires de l'Ile de Malte, à la somme d'un franc dix centimes par once Britannique, poids net.

3. Pour les lettres non-affranchies à destination du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, à la somme de deux francs quarante centimes par once Britannique, poids net.

4. Et pour les lettres non-affranchies à destination de l'Ile de Malte, à la somme d'un franc cinquante centimes par once Britannique, poids net.

ARTICLE XVII.

The inhabitants of the two countries may send registered letters from one country to the other, and, as far as it shall be found practicable, to the countries the correspondence of which shall be transmitted through the respective Offices.

The postage of registered letters must be always paid in advance as far as the place of destination, and shall be double that of ordinary letters.

ARTICLE XVII.

Le public des deux pays pourra envoyer des lettres chargées d'un pays pour l'autre, et, autant que possible, pour les pays auxquels les Offices respectifs servent d'intermédiaire.

Le port des lettres chargées devra toujours être acquitté d'avance jusqu'à destination : il sera double de celui des lettres ordinaires.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Newspapers, gazettes, periodical works, stitched or bound books, pamphlets, sheets of music, catalogues, prospectuses, announcements and notices of various kinds, whether printed, engraved, or lithographed, which shall be sent either from France, Algeria, and the French Offices established in Turkey, Syria, and Egypt, to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and to Malta, or from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and from Malta, to France, Algeria, or the French Offices established in Turkey, Syria, and Egypt, shall be prepaid on each side to destination.

It is expressly agreed that the printed papers which each of the two Offices shall deliver to the other as paid to

ARTICLE XVIII.

Les journaux, gazettes, ouvrages périodiques, livres brochés ou reliés, brochures, papiers de musique, catalogues, prospectus, annonces, et avis divers imprimés, gravés, lithographiés, ou autographiés, qui seront expédiés soit de la France, de l'Algérie, et des Bureaux Français établis en Turquie, en Syrie, et en Egypte, pour le Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande et pour Malte, soit du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande et de Malte pour la France, l'Algérie, et les Bureaux Français établis en Turquie, en Syrie, et en Egypte, devront être affranchis de part et d'autre jusqu'à destination.

Il est expressément convenu que les objets que chacune des deux Administrations livrera à l'autre comme affran-

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destination in virtue of the present Article, and of Article XIX following, shall not, on any pretext, be charged with any rate or duty whatever to be paid by the receivers.

It is, nevertheless, understood that this provision does not in any way invalidate the right of either Office to refuse to deliver printed papers, the importation of which may be prohibited by the laws or regulations of the country to which they are transmitted.

chis jusqu'à destination, en vertu du présent Article et de l'Article XIX ci-après, ne pourront, sous aucun prétexte, être frappés d'une taxe ou d'un droit quelconque à la charge des destinataires.

Il est entendu, toutefois, que cette disposition n'infirme en aucune manière le droit qu'a chaque Administration de ne pas distribuer les objets dont l'importation serait prohibée par les lois ou règlements du pays de destination.

ARTICLE XIX.

The French Post Office shall pay to the British Post Office, on such of the newspapers and other printed papers mentioned in Article XVIII preceding as shall originate in France, in Algeria, or in the French Post Offices established in Turkey, Syria, and Egypt, namely :—

1. On printed papers of every kind addressed to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the sum of one franc per kilogramme, net weight.

2. On printed papers of every kind sent from France and Algeria, addressed to Malta by means of British packets, the like sum of one franc per kilogramme, net weight.

The British Post Office, on its side, shall pay to the French Post Office, on such of the newspapers and other printed papers mentioned in Article XVIII preceding as shall originate in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or in Malta, namely :—

1. On printed papers of every kind sent from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, addressed to France and Algeria, the sum of fifty centimes per pound British, net weight.

2. On printed papers of every kind sent from Malta, addressed to France and Algeria by means of British packets, the like sum of fifty centimes per pound British, net weight.

3. On printed papers of every kind sent from Malta, addressed to France and Algeria by means of French packets, the sum of one franc per pound British, net weight.

4. On printed papers of every kind sent from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, addressed to the French Offices established in Turkey,

ARTICLE XIX.

L'Administration des Postes de France paiera à l'Administration des Postes Britanniques pour ceux des journaux et autres imprimés mentionnés dans l'Article XVIII précédent, qui seront originaires de la France, de l'Algérie, ou des Bureaux Français établis en Turquie, en Syrie, et en Egypte, savoir :—

1. Pour les imprimés de toute nature, à destination du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, la somme d'un franc par kilogramme, poids net.

2. Pour les imprimés de toute nature expédiés de la France et de l'Algérie à destination de Malte, par la voie des paquebots Britanniques, la même somme d'un franc par kilogramme, poids net.

De son côté, l'Administration des Postes Britanniques paiera à l'Administration des Postes de France pour ceux des journaux et autres imprimés mentionnés dans l'Article XVIII précédent, qui seront originaires du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, ou de Malte, savoir :—

1. Pour les imprimés de toute nature expédiés du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande à destination de la France et de l'Algérie, la somme de cinquante centimes par livre Britannique, poids net.

2. Pour les imprimés de toute nature expédiés de Malte à destination de la France et de l'Algérie, par la voie des paquebots Britanniques, la même somme de cinquante centimes par livre Britannique, poids net.

3. Pour les imprimés de toute nature expédiés de Malte à destination de la France et de l'Algérie, par la voie des paquebots Français, la somme d'un franc par livre Britannique, poids net.

4. Pour les imprimés de toute nature expédiés du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande à destination des Bureaux Français établis en Tur-

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Syria, and Egypt, the sum of one franc per pound British, net weight.

5. And lastly, on printed papers of every kind sent from Malta, addressed to the French Offices established in Turkey, Syria, and Egypt, the sum of fifty centimes per pound British, net weight.

In order to enjoy the reduction of postage accorded by the present Article, the printed papers must be prepaid, in conformity with Article XVIII preceding, must be put in bands, and must not contain any writing, figure, or manual mark whatsoever.

Printed papers which are not in conformity with these conditions shall be treated as letters, and charged accordingly.

quie, en Syrie, et en Egypte, la somme d'un franc par livre Britannique, poids net.

5. Et enfin, pour les imprimés de toute nature expédiés de Malte à destination des Bureaux Français établis en Turquie, en Syrie, et en Egypte, la somme de cinquante centimes par livre Britannique, poids net.

Pour jouir des modérations de port accordées par le présent Article, les imprimés devront être affranchis conformément à l'Article XVIII précédent, être mis sous bandes, et ne contenir aucune écriture, chiffre, ou signe quelconque à la main.

Les imprimés qui ne réuniraient pas ces conditions seront considérés comme lettres, et taxés en conséquence.

ARTICLE XX.

The French Government undertakes the conveyance across the French territory of the closed mails which the British Post Offices may exchange, by way of France, either with other British Post Offices or with Foreign Post Offices.

The French Government likewise undertakes the conveyance, by French packets and other French vessels, of the closed mails which the British Post Offices may exchange by means of those packets or vessels, either with other British Post Offices or with Foreign Post Offices.

The British Government, on its side, undertakes the conveyance across the British territory of the closed mails which the French Post Offices may exchange, by way of Great Britain, either with other French Post Offices or with Foreign Post Offices.

The British Government likewise undertakes the conveyance, by British packets and other British vessels, of the closed mails which the French Post Offices may exchange by these means, either with other French Post Offices or with Foreign Post Offices.

It is agreed that those of the above-mentioned closed mails which shall be sent by way of the Isthmus of Suez, or by way of the Isthmus of Darien, shall be conveyed across the Isthmus of Suez, or across the Isthmus of Darien, as the case may be, with the

ARTICLE XX.

Le Gouvernement Français s'engage à faire transporter, sur le territoire Français, les dépêches closes que les Bureaux de Poste Britanniques pourront avoir à échanger, par la voie de la France, soit avec d'autres Bureaux de Poste Britanniques, soit avec des Bureaux de Poste Etrangers.

Le Gouvernement Français s'engage également à faire transporter, par les paquebots et autres bâtiments Français, les dépêches closes que les Bureaux de Poste Britanniques pourront avoir à échanger, par la voie de ces paquebots ou bâtiments, soit avec d'autres Bureaux de Poste Britanniques, soit avec des Bureaux de Poste Etrangers.

De son côté, le Gouvernement Britannique s'engage à faire transporter, sur le territoire Britannique, les dépêches closes que les Bureaux de Poste Français pourront avoir à échanger, par la voie de la Grande Bretagne, soit avec d'autres Bureaux de Poste Français, soit avec des Bureaux de Poste Etrangers.

Le Gouvernement Britannique s'engage également à faire transporter, par les paquebots et autres bâtiments Britanniques, les dépêches closes que les Bureaux de Poste Français pourront avoir à échanger par cette voie, soit avec d'autres Bureaux de Poste Français, soit avec des Bureaux de Poste Etrangers.

Il est convenu que celles des dépêches closes ci-dessus mentionnées qui seront dirigées par la voie de l'Isthme de Suez, ou par la voie de l'Isthme de Darien, seront transportées à travers l'Isthme de Suez, ou à travers l'Isthme de Darien, suivant le cas, avec

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closed mails to or from Great Britain, by means of the services employed for the conveyance of these last-named mails.

les dépêches closes de ou pour la Grande Bretagne, au moyen des services affectés au transport de ces dernières dépêches.

ARTICLE XXI.

The French Post Office shall pay to the British Post Office, for transit through England of letters, newspapers, and other printed papers comprised in the closed mails which the French Post Offices may send or receive by way of England, in accordance with the preceding Article XX, the sum of forty centimes for every thirty grammes of letters, net weight, and the sum of one franc for every kilogramme of newspapers and other printed papers, also net weight.

ARTICLE XXI.

L'Administration des Postes de France paiera à l'Administration des Postes Britanniques, pour prix du transit à travers l'Angleterre des lettres, journaux, et autres imprimés compris dans les dépêches closes que les Bureaux de Poste Français expédieront ou recevront par la voie d'Angleterre, en exécution de l'Article XX précédent, la somme de quarante centimes par chaque trente grammes de lettres, poids net, et la somme d'un franc par chaque kilogramme de journaux et autres imprimés, aussi poids net.

ARTICLE XXII.

The French Post Office shall pay to the British Post Office, for the sea-conveyance of letters, newspapers, and other printed papers comprised in the closed mails which the French Post Offices may send or receive, in accordance with the preceding Article XX, either by British packets other than those plying between Great Britain and France, or by British private ships departing from or arriving at the ports of Great Britain, the sum of one franc twenty centimes for every thirty grammes of letters, net weight, and the sum of one franc for every kilogramme of printed papers, also net weight.

Nevertheless, the rate for sea-conveyance at which the French Post Office shall account to the British Post Office for letters comprised in closed mails conveyed by the British packets, shall be reduced to the sum of sixty centimes for every thirty grammes of letters, net weight, when the distance existing by sea between the port of embarkation and the port of disembarkation of the closed mails shall not exceed two thousand nautical miles.

ARTICLE XXII.

L'Administration des Postes de France paiera à l'Administration des Postes Britanniques, pour prix du transport par mer, des lettres, journaux, et autres imprimés compris dans les dépêches closes que les Bureaux de Poste Français expédieront ou recevront, en exécution de l'Article XX précédent, soit par des paquebots Britanniques autres que ceux naviguant entre la Grande Bretagne et la France, soit par des bâtiments Britanniques du commerce partant ou à destination des ports de la Grande Bretagne, la somme d'un franc vingt centimes par chaque trente grammes de lettres, poids net, et la somme d'un franc par chaque kilogramme d'imprimés, aussi poids net.

Toutefois, le prix de transport, par mer, dont l'Administration des Postes de France devra tenir compte à l'Administration des Postes Britanniques, pour les lettres comprises dans les dépêches closes transportées par les paquebots Britanniques, sera réduit à la somme de soixante centimes par chaque trente grammes de lettres, poids net, lorsque la distance existant par mer entre le port d'embarquement et le port de débarquement des dépêches closes n'excédera pas deux mille milles marins.

ARTICLE XXIII.

The French Post Office shall repay to the British Post Office the transit rates which the said British Post Office

ARTICLE XXIII.

L'Administration des Postes de France remboursera à l'Administration des Postes Britanniques les droits de

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shall have to pay either to the Post Office of the East Indies for the letters comprised in the closed mails exchanged between France and the French establishments in India by the way of the Isthmus of Suez, or to the Post Office of New Granada on account of the passage across the Isthmus of Darien of the letters comprised in the mails which will be exchanged between France and the West Coast of South America, by way of England and Panamá.

Independently of the transit rates mentioned above, the French Post Office shall repay to the British Post Office the sums which the said British Post Office may have to pay for the conveyance, either across the Isthmus of Suez or across the Isthmus of Darien, of the mails which the French Post Office shall forward or receive by way of either Isthmus.

transit que la dite Administration des Postes Britanniques aura à payer soit à l'Office des Postes des Indes Orientales pour les lettres comprises dans les dépêches closes échangées entre la France et les établissements Français dans l'Inde par la voie de l'Isthme de Suez, soit à l'Administration des Postes de la Nouvelle Grenade à raison du passage par l'Isthme de Darien des lettres comprises dans les dépêches qui seront échangées entre la France et les Côtes Occidentales de l'Amérique, par la voie de l'Angleterre et de Panamá.

Indépendamment des droits de transit ci-dessus mentionnés, l'Administration des Postes de France remboursera à l'Administration des Postes Britanniques les sommes que la dite Administration des Postes Britanniques pourra avoir à payer pour faire transporter, soit à travers l'Isthme de Suez, soit à travers l'Isthme de Darien, les dépêches que l'Administration des Postes de France expédiera ou recevra par la voie de l'un ou de l'autre Isthme.

ARTICLE XXIV.

The British Post Office shall pay to the French Post Office for the transit rate through France of letters, newspapers, and other printed papers contained in the closed mails which the British Post Office may send or receive by way of France, in accordance with Article XX preceding, as follows :—

1. For letters contained in the mails crossing the frontier of France contiguous to Belgium, the sum of forty centimes for every ounce British of letters, net weight.

2. For letters contained in the mails crossing the frontier of France contiguous to the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg or to Rhenish Prussia, the sum of sixty centimes for every ounce British of letters, net weight.

3. For letters contained in the mails crossing the frontier of France contiguous to the Palatinate of the Bavarian Rhine or to the Grand Duchy of Baden, the sum of eighty centimes for every ounce British of letters, net weight.

4. For letters contained in the mails entering or leaving France at points other than those mentioned above, the

ARTICLE XXIV.

L'Administration des Postes de la Grande Bretagne paiera à l'Administration des Postes de France, pour prix du transit à travers la France des lettres, journaux, et autres imprimés contenues dans les dépêches closes que les Bureaux de Poste Britanniques expédieront ou recevront par la voie de la France, en exécution de l'Article XX précédent, savoir:—

1. Pour les lettres contenues dans les dépêches traversant la frontière de France contigüe à la Belgique, la somme de quarante centimes par chaque once Britannique de lettres, poids net.

2. Pour les lettres contenues dans les dépêches traversant la frontière de France contigüe au Grand Duché de Luxembourg ou à la Prusse Rhénane, la somme de soixante centimes par chaque once Britannique de lettres, poids net.

3. Pour les lettres contenues dans les dépêches traversant la frontière de France contigüe au Palatinat du Rhin Bavarois ou au Grand Duché de Bade, la somme de quatre-vingts centimes par chaque once Britannique de lettres, poids net.

4. Pour les lettres contenues dans les dépêches entrant en France, ou sortant de France, par des points autres

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sum of one franc for every ounce British of letters, net weight.

5. And for printed papers of every kind, the sum of fifty centimes per pound British, net weight, without regard to the points by which the said printed papers shall enter or leave France.

que ceux désignés ci-dessus, la somme d'un franc par chaque once Britannique de lettres, poids net.

5. Et pour les imprimés de toute nature, la somme de cinquante centimes par livre Britannique, poids net, sans égard aux points par lesquels les dits imprimés entreront en France ou sortiront de France.

ARTICLE XXV.

The British Post Office shall pay to the French Post Office for the sea-conveyance of the letters, newspapers, and other printed papers comprised in the closed mails which the British Post Offices may send or receive, in accordance with the preceding Article XX, either by French packets other than those plying between France and Great Britain, or by private ships departing from or arriving at the ports of France, the sum of one franc twenty centimes for every ounce British of letters, net weight, and the sum of fifty centimes for every pound British of printed papers, also net weight.

Nevertheless, the rate for sea-conveyance at which the British Post Office shall account to the French Post Office for letters comprised in the closed mails conveyed by the French packets, shall be reduced to the sum of sixty centimes for every ounce British of letters, net weight, when the distance existing by sea between the port of embarkation and the port of disembarkation of the closed mails shall not exceed two thousand nautical miles.

ARTICLE XXV.

L'Administration des Postes de la Grande Bretagne paiera à l'Administration des Postes de France pour prix du transport par mer des lettres, journaux, et autres imprimés compris dans les dépêches closes que les Bureaux de Poste Britanniques expédieront ou recevront en exécution de l'Article XX précédent, soit par des paquebots Français, autres que ceux naviguant entre la France et la Grande Bretagne, soit par des bâtiments du commerce partant ou à destination des ports de France, la somme d'un franc vingt centimes par chaque once Britannique de lettres, poids net, et la somme de cinquante centimes par chaque livre Britannique d'imprimés, aussi poids net.

Toutefois, le prix de transport par mer, dont l'Administration des Postes Britanniques devra tenir compte à l'Administration des Postes de France, pour les lettres comprises dans les dépêches closes transportées par les paquebots Français, sera réduit à la somme de soixante centimes par chaque once Britannique de lettres, poids net, lorsque la distance existant par mer entre le port, d'embarquement et le port de débarquement des dépêches closes n'excèdera pas deux mille milles marins.

ARTICLE XXVI.

In exception to the stipulations of the preceding Article, the Post Office of Great Britain shall pay to the Post Office of France only the transit rates fixed by the last two paragraphs of Article XXIV of the present Convention, for letters and printed papers of every kind comprised in the closed mails which the said Post Office of Great Britain shall exchange with the Post Office of Sardinia by way of France, and by means of the French mail-packets plying between Marseilles and Genoa.

ARTICLE XXVI.

Par exception aux dispositions de l'Article précédent, l'Office des Postes de la Grande Bretagne n'aura à payer à l'Administration des Postes de France que les prix de transit fixés par les deux derniers paragraphes de l'Article XXIV de la présente Convention, pour les lettres et les imprimés de toute nature compris dans les dépêches closes que le dit Office des Postes de la Grande Bretagne sera dans le cas d'échanger avec l'Office des Postes de Sardaigne par la voie de la France et des paquebots-poste Français naviguant entre Marseille et Gênes.

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ARTICLE XXVII.

It is understood that the French Post Office shall have the right to require the British Post Office to convey, on behalf of the French Post Office, under the conditions agreed upon by Articles XXI and XXII preceding, whether over the territory of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or by British packets, or by British private ships departing from or arriving at the ports of the United Kingdom, letters, newspapers, and other printed papers, originating in or addressed to colonies or countries beyond sea served by the said packets or private ships; and that, in like manner, the British Post Office shall have the right to require the French Post Office to convey, on behalf of the British Post Office, under the conditions agreed upon by Articles XXIV, XXV, and XXVI of the present Convention, whether over the territory of France, or by French mail-packets, or by French private ships departing from or arriving at the ports of France, letters, newspapers, and other printed papers originating in or addressed to, as well the States of the continent as colonies and other countries beyond sea served by the said packets or private ships.

ARTICLE XXVII.

Il est entendu que l'Administration des Postes de France aura le droit d'inviter l'Administration des Postes Britanniques à faire transporter, pour le compte de l'Administration des Postes de France, aux conditions stipulées par les Articles XXI et XXII précédents, soit sur le territoire du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, soit par les paquebots-poste Britanniques, soit par les bâtiments Britanniques du commerce partant ou à destination des ports du Royaume Uni, les lettres, journaux, et autres imprimés originaires ou à destination des colonies ou pays d'outremer desservis par les dits paquebots ou bâtiments du commerce; et, réciproquement, que l'Administration des Postes Britanniques aura le droit d'inviter l'Administration des Postes de France à faire transporter, pour le compte de l'Administration des Postes Britanniques, aux conditions déterminées par les Articles XXIV, XXV, et XXVI de la présente Convention, soit sur le territoire de la France, soit par les paquebots-poste Français, soit par les bâtiments Français du commerce partant ou à destination des ports de France, les lettres, journaux, et autres imprimés originaires ou à destination tant des Etats du continent que des colonies et autres pays d'outremer desservis par les dits paquebots ou bâtiments du commerce.

ARTICLE XXVIII.

In exception to the stipulations in Articles XXI, XXII, XXIV, XXV, and XXVI of the present Convention, the transit and sea rate payable, on the one side, to the French Post Office on letters comprised in the closed mails exchanged between Great Britain and its possessions, as well by way of France and by means of French mail-packets, as by way of France and by means of British mail-packets; and, on the other side, to the British Post Office on letters comprised in the closed mails exchanged between France and its possessions, whether by way of England and by means of British mail-packets, or by means of British mail-packets and by way of the Isthmus of Suez, shall be reciprocally reduced to the sum of one franc per thirty grammes, or per ounce, of letters, net weight.

ARTICLE XXVIII.

Par exception aux dispositions des Articles XXI, XXII, XXIV, XXV, et XXVI de la présente Convention, le prix de transit et de voie de mer revenant d'une part à l'Administration des Postes de France pour les lettres comprises dans les dépêches closes échangées entre la Grande Bretagne et ses possessions, tant par la voie de la France et des paquebots-poste Français que par la voie de la France et des paquebots-poste Britanniques; et, d'autre part, à l'Administration des Postes Britanniques pour les lettres comprises dans les dépêches closes échangées entre la France et ses possessions, soit par la voie d'Angleterre et des paquebots-poste Britanniques, soit par la voie des paquebots-poste Britanniques et de l'Isthme de Suez, sera réduit réciproquement à la somme d'un franc par trente grammes, ou par once, de lettres, poids net.

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In consideration of this exceptional reduction, it is mutually agreed as follows:—

1. That the foreign rate to which each letter shall be liable on account of charge for conveyance, to be paid by each of the two Offices to the other in virtue of the present Article, shall not in any case exceed three pence per quarter of an ounce British, or fraction of a quarter of an ounce British.

2. That the letters exchanged between France and its possessions by means of the British Post Office shall not, under any circumstances, be charged by the French Post Office with higher inland or sea rates than those chargeable for the same or for a similar service on letters which France exchanges by another route with the same possessions.

3. That the letters exchanged between Great Britain and its possessions by means of the French Post Office shall not, under any circumstances, be charged by the British Post Office with higher inland or sea rates than those chargeable for the same or for a similar service on letters which Great Britain exchanges by another route with the same possessions.

En considération de cette réduction exceptionnelle, il est réciproquement convenu, savoir:—

1. Que la taxe étrangère applicable à chaque lettre à titre de remboursement des prix de transport, que chacune des deux Administrations paiera à l'autre en vertu du présent Article, ne pourra, en aucun cas, excéder trois pence par quart d'once Britannique, ou fraction de quart d'once Britannique.

2. Que les lettres échangées entre la France et ses possessions par l'intermédiaire des Postes Britanniques ne pourront, sous aucun prétexte, être frappées, au profit de l'Administration des Postes de France, de taxes territoriales, ou de voie de mer, supérieures à celles applicables pour le même service, ou pour un service analogue, aux lettres que la France est dans le cas d'échanger par une autre voie avec ces mêmes possessions.

3. Que les lettres échangées entre la Grande Bretagne et ses possessions par l'intermédiaire des Postes de France, ne pourront, sous aucun prétexte, être frappées, au profit de l'Administration des Postes Britanniques, de taxes territoriales, ou de voie de mer, supérieures à celles applicables pour le même service, ou pour un service analogue, aux lettres que la Grande Bretagne est dans le cas d'échanger par une autre voie avec ces mêmes possessions.

ARTICLE XXIX.

There shall be reserved in the fourgons, carriages, or vehicles conveying between Marseilles and Calais the mails from the East Indies to Great Britain, or from Great Britain to the East Indies, a place, free of charge, for a British courier, who shall keep the said mails under his special care, and who shall have the right to be present at the purification of the correspondence contained in those mails, whenever it shall take place, and at all other operations to which the said correspondence may be subjected.

The same advantages shall be granted over the territory of Great Britain to the couriers of the French Post Office, in case that Office shall think proper to send in charge of a French courier the mails containing the correspondence from or to France

ARTICLE XXIX.

Il sera réservé dans les fourgons, voitures, ou wagons qui transporteront entre Marseille et Calais les dépêches des Indes Orientales pour la Grande Bretagne, ou de la Grande Bretagne pour les Indes Orientales, une place gratuite pour un courrier Britannique, qui conservera les dites dépêches sous sa garde particulière, et qui pourra assister à la purification des correspondances contenues dans ces dépêches toutes les fois qu'elle devra avoir lieu, et à toutes les autres opérations auxquelles ces correspondances pourraient être soumises.

Les mêmes avantages seront accordés sur le territoire de la Grande Bretagne aux courriers de l'Administration des Postes de France, dans le cas où cette Administration jugerait à propos de faire accompagner par un courrier Français les dépêches contenant les

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mentioned in Article XXVIII preceding.

correspondances de ou pour la France mentionnées dans l'Article XXVIII précédent.

ARTICLE XXX.

It is understood that the weight of dead letters of every kind, as well as that of the letter-bills and other forms of accounts, consequent on the exchange of correspondence conveyed in closed mails by one of the two Offices on account of the other, and which are mentioned in the preceding Articles XXI, XXII, XXIII, XXIV, XXV, XXVI, and XXVIII, shall not be included in the weight of the letters, newspapers, and printed papers of every kind, on which shall be assessed the rate fixed by the said Articles.

ARTICLE XXX.

Il est entendu que le poids des correspondances de toute nature tombées en rebut, ainsi que celui des feuilles d'avis et autres pièces de comptabilité résultant de l'échange des correspondances transportées en dépêches closes par l'une des deux Administrations pour le compte de l'autre, et qui sont mentionnées dans les Articles XXI, XXII, XXIII, XXIV, XXV, XXVI, et XXVIII précédents, ne sera pas compris dans la pesée des lettres, journaux, et imprimés de toute nature, sur lesquels devront être assis les prix de transport fixés par les dits Articles.

ARTICLE XXXI.

The British Post Office and the French Post Office shall determine, by mutual consent, the conditions upon which shall be exchanged in open mails between the respective Offices of exchange, letters and printed papers of every kind, originating in or addressed to the colonies or foreign countries which make use of one of the two countries as a means of communicating with the other.

Nevertheless, it is reciprocally agreed, on the one side, that the British territorial rate applicable to letters exchanged as well in ordinary as in closed mails, by way of France, between Great Britain and the foreign countries, the correspondence of which is transmitted through France, shall not, in any case, exceed the British territorial rate applicable to letters which Great Britain may exchange with those same countries by any other route than that of France; and, on the other side, that the French territorial rate applicable to letters exchanged as well in ordinary as in closed mails by means of British mail-packets between France and countries beyond sea, shall not, in any case, exceed the French territorial rate applicable to letters which France may exchange with those same countries by means of French or foreign mail-packets.

The British Post Office and the Post Office of France shall also determine, by mutual consent, the condi-

ARTICLE XXXI.

L'Administration des Postes Britanniques et l'Administration des Postes de France fixeront, d'un commun accord, les conditions auxquelles pourront être échangées à découvert entre les Bureaux d'échange respectifs, les lettres et les imprimés de toute nature originaires ou à destination des colonies et des pays étrangers qui empruntent l'intermédiaire de l'un des deux pays pour correspondre avec l'autre.

Toutefois, il est réciproquement convenu, d'une part, que la taxe territoriale Britannique applicable aux lettres échangées tant à découvert qu'en dépêches closes, par la voie de la France, entre la Grande Bretagne et les pays étrangers auxquels la France sert d'intermédiaire, ne pourra, en aucun cas, excéder la taxe territoriale Britannique applicable aux lettres que la Grande Bretagne est dans le cas d'échanger avec ces mêmes pays par une autre voie que celle de la France; et, d'autre part, que la taxe territoriale Française applicable aux lettres échangées tant à découvert qu'en dépêches closes, par la voie des paquebots-poste Britanniques, entre la France et les pays d'outremer, ne pourra, en aucun cas, excéder la taxe territoriale Française applicable aux lettres que la France est dans le cas d'échanger avec ces mêmes pays par la voie des paquebots-poste Français ou étrangers.

L'Administration des Postes Britanniques et l'Administration des Postes de France fixeront aussi, d'un commun

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tions upon which shall be transmitted, by means of the British mail-packets, and by way of the Isthmus of Suez, the correspondence forwarded from France and Algeria, and from the countries the correspondence of which is transmitted through France, for the British possessions, and *vice versâ.*

It is understood that the arrangements which may be made in virtue of the present Article, as well as those fixed by the preceding Articles XV, XVI, XXI, XXII, XXIV, XXV, and XXVIII, may be modified by the two Offices whenever those two Offices mutually see the necessity for such modification.

accord, les conditions auxquelles pourront être transmises, par la voie des paquebots-poste Britanniques et de l'Isthme de Suez, les correspondances expédiées de la France, de l'Algérie, et des pays auxquels la France sert d'intermédiaire, pour les possessions Britanniques, et *vice versâ.*

Il est entendu que les dispositions qui seront arrêtées en vertu du présent Article, ainsi que celles fixées par les Articles XV, XVI, XXI, XXII, XXIV, XXV, et XXVIII précédents, pourront être modifiées par les deux Administrations toutes les fois que, d'un commun accord, ces deux Administrations en reconnaîtront la nécessité.

ARTICLE XXXII.

The Government of Her Britannic Majesty promises to do all in its power to enable the French Post Office to procure for the French public the option of receiving and sending, unpaid, or paid to destination, letters coming from the East Indies, or addressed to the East Indies; taking, as the basis of such arrangements, the combined rates of the British and East Indian offices applicable to the correspondence of the inhabitants of Great Britain.

ARTICLE XXXII.

Le Gouvernement de Sa Majesté Britannique promet de faire ce qui sera en son pouvoir pour mettre l'Administration des Postes de France à portée de procurer au public Français la faculté de recevoir et d'envoyer, non-affranchies, ou affranchies jusqu'à destination, les lettres venant des Indes Orientales ou destinées aux Indes Orientales, en prenant pour base de ces arrangements les tarifs combinés de l'office Britannique et de l'office des Indes Orientales applicables à la correspondance des regnicoles Anglais.

ARTICLE XXXIII.

Ordinary or registered letters, newspapers, gazettes, periodical works, and printed papers of every kind misdirected or mis-sent, shall be reciprocally returned without delay, through the respective Offices of exchange, for the same weight and amount of postage at which they were charged by the despatching Office to the other Office.

The articles of a like nature addressed to persons who have changed their residence shall be mutually forwarded or returned, charged with the rate that would have been paid by the receivers.

ARTICLE XXXIII.

Les lettres ordinaires ou chargées, les journaux, gazettes, ouvrages périodiques, et imprimés de toute nature, mal-adressés ou mal-dirigés, seront, sans aucun délai, réciproquement renvoyés par l'intermédiaire des Bureaux d'échange respectifs, pour les poids et prix auxquels l'Office envoyeur aura livré ces objets en compte à l'autre Office.

Les objets de même nature qui auront été adressés à des destinataires ayant changé de résidence seront respectivement livrés ou rendus, chargés du port qui aurait dû être payé par les destinataires.

ARTICLE XXXIV.

Ordinary or registered letters, newspapers, gazettes, periodical works, and printed papers of every kind, exchanged in ordinary mails between the two Offices of Great Britain and France, which cannot be delivered, from what-

ARTICLE XXXIV.

Les lettres ordinaires ou chargées, les journaux, gazettes, ouvrages périodiques, et imprimés de toute nature, échangés à découvert entre les deux Administrations des Postes de la Grande Bretagne et de France, qui seront

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ever cause, shall be mutually returned at the expiration of every month, and oftener if possible. Such of these articles as shall have been charged in the accounts shall be returned for the amount of postage which was originally charged by the sending Office. Those which were sent paid to destination or to the frontier of the corresponding Office, shall be returned without postage or charge.

With regard to unpaid dead letters which have been conveyed in closed mails by one of the two Offices on account of the other, they shall be admitted for the same weight and amount of postage which was charged in the transit accounts of the respective Offices, on a simple declaration or on nominal lists vouching for the amount of postage demanded, when the letters themselves cannot be produced by the Office which has to claim the amount of their postage from the corresponding Office.

tombés en rebut pour quelque cause que ce soit, devront être renvoyés, de part et d'autre, à la fin de chaque mois, et plus souvent si faire se peut. Ceux de ces objets qui auront été livrés en compte seront rendus pour le prix pour lequel ils auront été originairement comptés par l'Office envoyeur. Ceux qui auront été livrés affranchis jusqu'à destination ou jusqu'à la frontière de l'Office correspondant, seront renvoyés sans taxe ni décompte.

Quant aux correspondances non-affranchies tombées en rebut, qui auront été transportées en dépêches closes par l'une des deux Administrations pour le compte de l'autre, elles seront admises pour les poids et prix pour lesquels elles auront été comprises dans les comptes des Administrations respectives, sur de simples déclarations ou listes nominatives mises à l'appui des décomptes, lorsque les correspondances elles-mêmes ne pourront pas être produites par l'Office qui aura à se prévaloir du montant de leur port vis-à-vis de l'Office correspondant.

ARTICLE XXXV.

In order, reciprocally, to secure the postage on the whole correspondence exchanged between the two countries, the British and French Governments engage to prevent, by all the means in their power, the transmission of the said correspondence through any other channel than their respective Post Offices.

Nevertheless, it is understood that couriers sent by commercial firms or by other persons to convey, occasionally, a single letter, or one or more newspapers, may pass unmolested through the respective territories of both Powers, provided the said couriers exhibit on the French territory the letter or newspapers which they convey to the first Post Office on their route, which Office shall tax the said letter or newspapers with the rate prescribed by the laws and regulations of the country.

The said letter or newspapers shall be marked with the date and charge stamps of the Office at which the postage shall have been paid, and a certificate thereof shall be delivered to the courier and annexed to his passport.

ARTICLE XXXV.

Afin de s'assurer réciproquement l'intégralité du produit des correspondances échangées entre les deux pays, les Gouvernements Britannique et Français s'engagent à empêcher, par tous les moyens qui sont en leur pouvoir, que ces correspondances ne passent par d'autres voies que par leurs postes respectives.

Toutefois, il est entendu que les courriers envoyés par des maisons de commerce ou autres, pour porter accidentellement une seule lettre, ou une ou plusieurs gazettes, pourront traverser librement les territoires respectifs des deux Etats, pourvu que sur le territoire Français ces courriers présentent la lettre ou les gazettes dont ils seront porteurs au premier Bureau de Poste, qui leur appliquera les taxes voulues par les lois et règlements du pays.

Ces objets seront frappés des timbres d'origine et d'affranchissement des Bureaux de Poste par lesquels les taxes auront été perçues, et il en sera délivré au courrier un certificat qui sera joint à son passeport.

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ARTICLE XXXVI.

The British Post Office and the Post Office of France shall nominate, by mutual consent, the Offices through which the exchange of correspondence shall respectively take place; they shall determine the conditions to which shall be subjected the correspondence from one of the two countries to the other insufficiently prepaid by means of postage stamps. They shall also determine the direction of the correspondence reciprocally transmitted; and shall settle the arrangements relating to the form and the liquidation of the accounts arising out of the mutual transmission of correspondence, as well as every other matter of detail which may be necessary to ensure the execution of the stipulations contained in the present Convention.

It is understood that the measures above alluded to may be modified by the two Offices whenever those two Offices mutually see the necessity for such modification.

ARTICLE XXXVI.

L'Administration des Postes Britanniques et l'Administration des Postes de France désigneront, d'un commun accord, les Bureaux par lesquels devra avoir lieu l'échange des correspondances respectives; elles régleront les conditions auxquelles seront soumises les correspondances de l'un des deux pays pour l'autre insuffisamment affranchies au moyen de timbres-poste. Elles régleront également la direction des correspondances transmises réciproquement; et arrêteront les dispositions relatives à la formation et à la liquidation des comptes résultant de la transmission réciproque des correspondances, ainsi que toute autre mesure de détail ou d'ordre nécessaire pour assurer l'exécution des stipulations de la présente Convention.

Il est entendu que les mesures designées ci-dessus pourront être modifiées par les deux Administrations toutes les fois que, d'un commun accord, ces deux Administrations en reconnaîtront la nécessité.

ARTICLE XXXVII.

The present Convention shall be carried into effect as soon as possible, and at the latest on the 1st of January, 1857, and shall continue in force until one of the two Contracting Parties shall have announced to the other, one year in advance however, its intention to terminate this Convention.

During this last year the Convention shall continue to be fully and entirely carried into effect, without prejudice to the settlement of the accounts between the Offices of the two countries, after the expiration of the said term.

All the Conventions which now regulate the exchange of correspondence between Great Britain and France shall cease to have effect from the date of the day when the present Convention shall be put into execution.

ARTICLE XXXVII.

La présente Convention sera mise à exécution le plus tôt possible, et au plus tard le 1er Janvier, 1857, et elle demeurera obligatoire jusqu'à ce que l'une des deux Parties Contractantes ait annoncé à l'autre, mais un an à l'avance, son intention d'en faire cesser les effets.

Pendant cette dernière année, la Convention continuera d'avoir son exécution pleine et entière, sans préjudice de la liquidation et du solde des comptes entre les Administrations des deux pays, après l'expiration du dit terme.

Toutes les Conventions qui règlent, en ce moment l'échange des correspondances entre la Grande Bretagne et la France cesseront d'avoir leur effet à dater du jour où la présente Convention recevra son exécution.

ARTICLE XXXVIII.

The present Convention shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged as soon as possible.

In witness whereof, the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the

ARTICLE XXXVIII.

La présente Convention sera ratifiée, et les ratifications en seront échangées aussitôt que faire se pourra.

En foi de quoi, les Plénipotentiaires respectifs ont signé la présente Con-

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present Convention, and have affixed thereto the seal of their arms.

Done in duplicate in Paris, the twenty-fourth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

vention, et y ont apposé le sceau de leurs armes.

Fait à Paris, en double original, le vingt-quatrième jour du mois de Septembre, de l'an de grâce mil huit cent cinquante-six.

(L.S.) COWLEY.
(L.S.) A. WALEWSKI.

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CONVENTION between Her Majesty and the Emperor of the French, relative to Communication by Post.

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CONVENTION

OF

COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION

BETWEEN

HER MAJESTY

AND

THE SULTAN OF MOROCCO.

Signed, in the English and Arabic Languages, at Tangier, December 9, 1856.

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CONVENTION of Commerce and Navigation between Her Majesty and the Sultan of Morocco.

Signed, in the English and Arabic languages, at Tangier, December 9, 1856.

HER Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and His Majesty the Sultan of Morocco and Fez, being desirous to extend and improve the relations of commerce and navigation which exist between their respective dominions and subjects, have resolved to conclude a special Convention for that purpose, and have named as their Plenipotentiaries, that is to say:

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, John Hay Drummond Hay, Esquire, Her Chargé d'Affaires and Consul-General at the Court of His Majesty the Sultan of Morocco and Fez;

And His Majesty the Sultan of Morocco and Fez, Seed Mohamed Khateeb, His Commissioner for Foreign Affairs;

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, have agreed upon and concluded the following Articles:

ARTICLE I.

There shall be reciprocal freedom of commerce between the British dominions and the dominions of the Sultan of Morocco. The subjects of Her Britannic Majesty may reside in and trade to any port of the territories of the Sultan of Morocco to which any other foreigners are or shall be admitted.

They shall be permitted to hire houses, and to build houses, stores, or warehouses, as stipulated in Article IV of the General Treaty of this date.

They shall enjoy full protection for their persons and properties, as specified in Article IV of the General Treaty; they shall be allowed to buy from, and to sell to, whom they like, all articles not prohibited in Article II of this Convention, either by wholesale or retail, at all places in the Moorish dominions, without being restrained or prejudiced by any monopoly, contract, or exclusive privilege of purchase or sale whatever, except the articles of export and those of import enumerated in Article II; and they shall, moreover, enjoy all other rights and privileges which hereafter may be granted to any other foreigners, subjects or citizens of the most favoured nation.

The subjects of the Sultan of Morocco shall, in return, enjoy in the dominions of Her Britannic Majesty the same protection and privileges which are or may be enjoyed by the subjects or citizens of the most favoured nation.

ARTICLE II.

The Sultan of Morocco engages to abolish all monopolies or prohibitions on imported goods, except tobacco, pipes of all kinds used for smoking, opium, sulphur, powder, saltpetre, lead, arms of all kinds, and ammunition of war; and

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further to abolish all monopolies of agricultural produce, or of any other article whatsoever in the dominions of the Sultan, except leeches, bark, tobacco, and other herbs used for smoking in pipes.

ARTICLE III.

No tax, toll, duty, or charge whatsoever, beside the export duty hereinafter mentioned, shall, under any pretext or on any account, be imposed by any person whatsoever, in any part of the dominions of Morocco, upon or in respect of any goods or produce whatsoever which may have been purchased for exportation by or on behalf of any British subject; but the said goods or produce, when so purchased, shall be conveyed from any place in Morocco to, and embarked from, any port therein, absolutely free and exempt from all other taxes, tolls, duties, or charges whatsoever. No permit, or any similar document, shall be requisite to enable them to be so conveyed or embarked, nor shall any officer or subject of the Sultan offer any impediment to, or lay any restriction on, the conveyance or embarkation of such goods (except those goods or produce which the Sultan of Morocco shall prohibit from being exported, as arranged in Article V), or on any pretext demand or receive any money in respect or on account of such goods; and should any such officer or subject act contrary to this stipulation, the Sultan shall immediately punish with severity the Governor, officer, or other subject who shall have been guilty of such misconduct, and render full justice to British subjects for all injuries or losses which they may duly prove themselves to have suffered thereby.

ARTICLE IV.

The subjects of Her Britannic Majesty within the dominions of His Majesty the Sultan shall be free to manage their own affairs themselves, or to commit those affairs to the management of any persons whom they may appoint as their broker, factor, or agent; nor shall such British subjects be restrained in their choice of persons to act in such capacities; nor shall they be called upon to pay any salary or remuneration to any person whom they shall not choose to employ; but those persons who shall be thus employed, and who are subjects of the Sultan of Morocco, shall be treated and regarded as other subjects of the Moorish dominions. Absolute freedom shall be given in all cases to the buyer and seller to bargain together, and no interference on the part of the Sultan's officers shall be permitted. Should any Governor or other officer interfere in the bargains between British and Moorish subjects, or place any impediments in the lawful purchase or sale of goods or merchandize imported into, or to be exported from, the Sultan's dominions, His Sherifian Majesty shall severely punish the said officer for such misconduct.

ARTICLE V.

Should the Sultan of Morocco at any time think proper to prohibit the exportation of any kind of grain or other article of commerce from his dominions, British subjects shall in no manner be prevented from embarking all the grain or other articles which they may have in their magazines, or which may have been bought previously to the said prohibition; but they shall be allowed to continue to export all they may have in their possession, during the term of six months from the time the prohibition was publicly made known; but on the day when the order of the Sultan of Morocco regarding the prohibition shall arrive, and shall be published to the merchants, British subjects shall, within the term of two days, declare and give proofs of the amount of produce they shall possess in their stores, on which the prohibition is imposed, and they shall also present legal certificates regarding the amount of the said produce which they shall have bought in the interior or elsewhere, previously to the promulgation of the order for the prohibition. No prohibition, either as to the exportation or importation of any article, shall apply to British subjects, unless such prohibition shall apply to subjects of every other nation.

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ARTICLE VI.

Merchandize or goods, except the articles enumerated in Article II, imported by British subjects in any vessel, or from any country, shall not be prohibited in the territories of the Sultan of Morocco, nor be subject to higher duties than are levied on the same kind of merchandize or goods imported by the subjects of any other foreign Power, or by native subjects, after the date of this Convention.

All articles, except those enumerated in Article II, the produce of Morocco, may be exported therefrom by British subjects in any vessels, on as favourable terms as by the subjects of any other foreign country, or by native subjects.

ARTICLE VII.

In consideration of the favourable terms upon which the produce of Morocco is admitted into the territories of Her Britannic Majesty, and with a view to the extension of commercial intercourse between Great Britain and Morocco, for their mutual advantage, His Majesty the Sultan of Morocco hereby agrees that the duties to be levied on all articles imported into the territories of His Majesty by British subjects, shall not exceed ten per cent. in cash on their value, at the port of their disembarkation; and that the duties to be levied on all articles exported from the territories of His Majesty by British subjects, shall not exceed in amount the duties marked in the following tariff:—

Tariff of Exports.

Articles of Exportation.		Dollars.	Ounces.
Wheat	per strike fanega	1	
Maize and Durra ..	full fanega	½	
Barley	strike fanega	½	
All other Grain	cantar	½	
Flour	„	..	30
Birdseed	„	..	12
Dates	„	..	40
Almonds	„	..	35
Oranges, Lemons, and Limes ..	1000	..	12
Wild Marjoram	cantar	..	10
Cummin Seed	„	..	20
Oil	„	..	50
Gums	„	..	20
Henna	„	..	15
Wax	„	..	120
Rice	„	..	16
Wool (washed)	„	..	80
Wool (in grease)	„	..	55
Hides, Sheep and Goat-skins ..	„	..	36
Tanned Skins called Felaly, Zawany, and Cochinea	„	..	100
Horns	1000	..	20

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TARIFF OF EXPORTS.—*Continued.*

Articles of Exportation.		Dollars.	Ounces.
Tallow	per cantar	..	50
Mules	head	25	
Donkeys	"	5	
Sheep	"	1	
Goats	"	..	15
Fowls	dozen	..	22
Eggs	1000	..	51
Slippers	100	..	70
Porcupine Quills	1000	..	5
Grasool	cantar	..	15
Ostrich Feathers . ..	lb.	..	36
Baskets	100	..	30
Carraway Seed	cantar	..	20
Combs of Wood	100	..	5
Hair	cantar	..	30
Raisins	"	..	20
Woollen Sashes called Karazy ..	100	..	100
Tackawt (a dye)	cantar	..	20
Tanned Fleeces	"	..	36
Hemp and Flax	"	..	40

The Sultan of Morocco has the right of prohibiting any article of exportation; but when a prohibition on any article shall be imposed, it shall be in conformity with what is arranged in Article V; but upon the exportation of articles the prohibition of which shall be taken off, the duties noted in the tariff shall alone be paid. With regard to wheat and barley, should the Sultan think proper to prohibit the exportation of these articles, but should desire to sell to merchants the grain which belongs to Government, it shall be sold at the price the Sultan thinks proper to impose. Should the Sultan augment or diminish the price of the grain, there shall be granted to the purchaser for exporting that which he shall have bought, the term stated in Article V; but should the grain be free for exportation, the duties imposed thereon shall be in conformity with what is stated in the tariff.

Should the Sultan of Morocco think proper to reduce the duties on articles of exportation, His Majesty shall have the right of doing so, on condition that British subjects shall pay the lowest duty that shall be paid by any other foreign or native subjects.

ARTICLE VIII.

Should a British subject, or his agent, desire to convey by sea, from one port to another in the dominions of the Sultan of Morocco, goods upon which the ten per cent. duty has been paid, such goods shall be subject to no further duty, either on their embarkation or disembarkation, provided they be accompanied by a certificate from a Moorish Administrator of Customs.

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ARTICLE IX.

If any article of Moroquine produce, growth, or manufacture, except the articles enumerated in Article II, be purchased for exportation, the same shall be conveyed by the British merchant, or by his agent, free of any kind of charge or duty whatsoever, to a convenient place of shipment. Subsequently, on exportation, the export duty according to the tariff in Article VII shall alone be paid on it.

ARTICLE X.

No anchorage, tonnage, import, or other duty or charge, shall be levied in the dominions of the Sultan of Morocco on British vessels, or on goods imported or exported in British vessels, beyond what is, or may be, levied on national vessels, or on the like goods imported or exported in national vessels; they shall not, however, exceed in amount the rates of the following scale, viz.:

Six moozoonats per ton shall be levied upon every British vessel (except steam-vessels) that does not exceed two hundred tons in measurement. Upon every vessel (not a steam-vessel) measuring more than two hundred tons, the following charge shall be made, viz., six moozoonats per ton shall be paid for two hundred of her tons, and two moozoonats per ton for the remainder. Should the Administrator of Customs have any doubt regarding the tonnage of a British vessel, as declared by the master, the British Consul or Vice-Consul shall, on appeal being made to him, cause the ship's papers, whereon the tonnage is formally stated, to be exhibited. The same charges shall be made in all the ports of Morocco except Rabat and Laraiche, at which ports four moozoonats per ton shall be paid for pilotage into the river, should the vessel enter the river, and four moozoonats per ton for pilotage out of the river; three moozoonats per ton shall also be levied upon each vessel entering the river, on account of anchorage. Should a vessel, however, not enter the river, the same charges shall be levied upon her as those which are paid at the other ports. At Mogadore, four moozoonats per ton shall be paid on British vessels for pilotage on their entering the port only, and six moozoonats per ton for anchorage.

Should the master of a British vessel require, at any other port, a pilot, he shall pay for him at the rate of two moozoonats per ton; but this charge shall not be exacted except when the master of a vessel requires a pilot.

The sum of sixteen dollars shall be levied, on account of anchorage, on a steam-vessel entering a port in the Moorish dominions for the purpose of discharging or embarking cargo. If, afterwards, the said steam-vessel proceed from that port to any other port or ports in the Moorish dominions, and on her arrival at the latter embark or discharge cargo, the aforesaid charge of sixteen dollars for anchorage shall again be levied; but if the said steam-vessel, on her return voyage, should enter a Moorish port at which the said anchorage dues shall have already been paid, no further charge on account of anchorage shall be levied upon her unless the said steam-vessel depart on a second voyage to a Moorish port, or unless during her return voyage she shall have touched at any port other than a port of the Moorish dominions, in which case the aforesaid charge of sixteen dollars shall again be levied. The charge, however, for anchorage on a steamer of one hundred and fifty tons burthen, or less, shall not exceed what is due from a sailing-vessel of the same size.

The masters of all vessels shall pay, in addition to the aforesaid charges, the following sums to officers of the ports, but no other payments shall be demanded of them; viz.:—

A vessel measuring twenty-five tons or less, twenty ounces; a vessel exceeding twenty-five and not over fifty tons, forty ounces; a vessel exceeding fifty and not over a hundred tons, sixty ounces; a vessel exceeding a hundred and not over two hundred tons, eighty ounces; a vessel exceeding two hundred tons, one hundred ounces.

In addition to these charges, the master of every British vessel visiting the port of Tetuan shall pay ten ounces for the messenger who shall convey the ship's papers from the port of Marteen to Tetuan; five ounces to the trumpeter

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who shall announce the arrival of the vessel; and three ounces to the public crier; but no other payments shall be demanded at the port of Tetuan. No charge for anchorage shall be levied on account of British vessels which may enter the ports of Morocco for the purpose of seeking shelter from the weather, and which do not embark or discharge cargo, nor shall any charge for anchorage be levied upon fishing-vessels.

And, in like manner, no anchorage, tonnage, import, or other duty or charge, shall be levied in the British dominions on Moorish vessels, or on goods imported or exported in Moorish vessels, beyond what is or may be levied on national vessels, or on the like goods imported or exported in national vessels.

ARTICLE XI.

Should British subjects desire to embark in or discharge goods from vessels arriving in the ports of Morocco, they shall employ the Moorish Government boats for that purpose; but if within two days after the arrival of a vessel the Moorish Government boats are not placed at their disposal for the aforesaid purpose, the British subjects shall have the right of employing private boats, and shall not pay, in such case, to the port authorities more than one half of what would have been paid, had they employed the Government boats. This regulation shall not be applicable to the ports of Tangier and Tetuan, inasmuch as there is a sufficient number of Government lighters at those two ports.

The charges now paid for lighterage at the different ports of Morocco shall not be augmented, and the Administrator of Customs at each port of Morocco shall deliver to the British Vice-Consul a tariff of the charges now demanded for lighterage.

ARTICLE XII.

The Articles of this Convention shall be applicable to all the ports in the Empire of Morocco; and should His Majesty the Sultan of Morocco open the ports of Mehedea, Agadeer, or Wadnoon, or any other ports within the limits of His Majesty's dominions, no difference shall be made in the levying of duties, or anchorage, between the said ports and other ports in the Sultan's dominions.

ARTICLE XIII.

If a British subject be detected in smuggling into the Moroquine territories goods of any description, the goods shall be confiscated to the Sultan; and such British subject shall, on conviction before the British Consul-General, Consul, Vice-Consul, or Consular Agent, be liable to be fined in an amount not exceeding treble the amount of duties leviable on such goods, or in case of goods not admitted to importation, treble the value of the goods at the current price of the day; and failing payment of such fines, such British subject shall, on conviction before the British Consul-General, Consul, Vice-Consul, or Consular Agent, be liable to be imprisoned; or, without being fined, any British subject on conviction as aforesaid may be imprisoned, but in either case for a time not exceeding one year, in such place as the Consul-General, Consul, Vice-Consul, or Consular Agent may determine.

ARTICLE XIV.

In order that the two High Contracting Parties may have the opportunity of hereafter treating and agreeing upon such other arrangements as may tend still further to the improvement of their mutual intercourse, and to the advancement of the interests of their respective subjects, it is agreed that at any time after the expiration of five years from the date of the exchange of the ratifications of the present Convention of Commerce and Navigation, either of the High Contracting Parties shall have the right to call upon the other to enter upon a revision of the same; but until such revision shall have been accomplished by common consent, and a new Convention shall have been concluded and ratified, the present Convention shall continue and remain in full force and effect.

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ARTICLE XV.

The present Convention shall be ratified by Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and by His Majesty the Sultan of Morocco, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Tangier, at the same time as the ratifications of the General Treaty signed this day between the High Contracting Parties.

When the ratifications of the present Convention and of the said General Treaty shall have been exchanged, the stipulations of the said Convention and Treaty shall come into operation within four months, and shall be substituted for the stipulations of all preceding Treaties between Great Britain and Morocco.

In witness whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Convention, and have affixed thereto their respective seals.

Done at Tangier, the ninth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, corresponding to the Moorish date of the tenth day of the month of Rabbea the second, in the year one thousand two hundred and seventy-three.

(L.S.) J. H. DRUMMOND HAY.

(Arabic signature of)
(L.S.) SEED MOHAMED KHATEEB.

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MOROCCO.

CONVENTION of Commerce and Navigation between Her Majesty and the Sultan of Morocco.

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GENERAL TREATY

BETWEEN

HER MAJESTY

AND

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General Treaty between Her Majesty and the Sultan of Morocco.

Signed, in the English and Arabic languages, at Tangier, December 9, 1856.

HER Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and His Majesty the Sultan of Morocco and Fez, being desirous to maintain and strengthen the relations of friendship which have long subsisted between their respective dominions and subjects, have resolved to proceed to a revision and improvement of the Treaties subsisting between the respective countries, and have for that purpose named as their Plenipotentiaries, that is to say:

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, John Hay Drummond Hay, Esquire, Her Chargé d'Affaires and Consul-General at the Court of His Majesty the Sultan of Morocco and Fez;

And His Majesty the Sultan of Morocco and Fez, Seed Mohamed Khateeb, His Commissioner for Foreign Affairs;

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, have agreed upon and concluded the following Articles:

ARTICLE I.

There shall be perpetual peace and friendship between Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, her heirs and successors, and His Sherifian Majesty the Sultan of Morocco and Fez, and between their respective dominions and subjects.

ARTICLE II.

Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain may appoint one or more Consuls in the dominions of the Sultan of Morocco and Fez; and such Consul or Consuls shall be at liberty to reside in any of the sea-ports or cities of the Sultan of Morocco which they or the British Government may choose, and find most convenient for the affairs and service of Her Britannic Majesty and for the assistance of British merchants.

ARTICLE III.

The British Chargé d'Affaires, or other Political Agent accredited by the Queen of Great Britain to the Sultan of Morocco, as also the British Consuls who shall reside in the dominions of the Sultan of Morocco, shall always have respect and honour paid to them, suitable to their rank. Their houses and families shall be safe and protected. No one shall interfere with them, or commit any act of oppression or disrespect towards them, either by words or by deeds; and if any one should do so, he shall receive a severe punishment, as a correction to himself and a check to others.

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The said Chargé d'Affaires shall be at liberty to choose his own interpreters and servants, either from the Mussulmans or others, and neither his interpreters nor servants shall be compelled to pay any capitation tax, forced contribution, or other similar or corresponding charge. With respect to the Consuls or Vice-Consuls who shall reside at the ports under the orders of the said Chargé d'Affaires, they shall be at liberty to choose one interpreter, one guard, and two servants, either from the Mussulmans or others; and neither the interpreter, nor the guard, nor their servants, shall be compelled to pay any capitation tax, forced contribution, or other similar or corresponding charge. If the said Chargé d'Affaires should appoint a subject of the Sultan of Morocco as Vice-Consul at a Moorish port, the said Vice-Consul, and those members of his family who may dwell within his house, shall be respected, and exempted from the payment of any capitation tax, or other similar or corresponding charge; but the said Vice-Consul shall not take under his protection any subject of the Sultan of Morocco except the members of his family dwelling under his roof. The said Chargé d'Affaires, and the said Consuls, shall be permitted to have a place of worship, and to hoist their national flag at all times on the top of the houses which they may occupy, either in the city or out of it, and also in their boats whenever they go to sea. No prohibition nor tax shall be put upon their goods, furniture, or any other articles which may come to them for their own use and for the use of their families, in the dominions of the Sultan of Morocco; but the said Chargé d'Affaires, Consuls, or Vice-Consuls, shall be required to deliver to the officers of the Customs a note of hand, specifying the number of articles which they shall require to be passed. This privilege shall only be accorded to those Consular Officers who are not engaged in trade. If the service of their Sovereign should require their attendance in their own country, or if they should depute another person to act for them in their absence, they shall not be prevented in any way from so doing; and no impediment shall be offered either to themselves, their servants, or their property, but they shall be at liberty to go and come, respected and honoured; and both they themselves and their deputies or Vice-Consuls shall be entitled, in the most ample sense, to every privilege which is now enjoyed, or may in future be granted, to the Consul of any other nation.

ARTICLE IV.

With respect to the personal privileges to be enjoyed by the subjects of Her Britannic Majesty in the dominions of the Sultan of Morocco, His Sherifian Majesty engages that they shall have a free and undoubted right to travel and to reside in the territories and dominions of His said Majesty, subject to the same precautions of police which are practised towards the subjects or citizens of the most favoured nations.

They shall be entitled to hire, on lease or otherwise, dwellings and warehouses; and if a British subject shall not find a house or warehouse suitable for his dwelling or for his stores, the Moorish authorities shall assist him in finding a site, within the localities generally selected for the habitations of Europeans, if there be a suitable site within the town, for building a dwelling or stores, and an agreement shall be entered upon, in writing, with the authorities of the town, regarding the number of years that the British subject shall retain possession of the land and buildings, in order that he shall thus be repaid the expenses of the outlay he shall have made; and no person shall compel the British subject to give up the dwelling or warehouses until the time mentioned in the said document shall have expired. They shall not be obliged to pay, under any pretence whatever, any taxes or impositions. They shall be exempt from all military service, whether by land or sea; from forced loans, and from every extraordinary contribution. Their dwellings, warehouses, and all premises appertaining thereto, destined for purposes of residence or commerce, shall be respected. No arbitrary search of or visit to the houses of British subjects, and no arbitrary examination or inspection whatever of their books, papers, or accounts, shall be made; but such measures shall be executed only in conformity with the orders and consent of the Consul-General or Consul. And, generally, His Majesty the Sultan engages that the subjects of Her Britannic Majesty residing in his states or dominions shall enjoy their property and personal security in as full and ample manner as subjects of the Emperor of Morocco are entitled to do within the territories of Her Britannic Majesty.

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Her Britannic Majesty, on her part, engages to ensure the enjoyment of the same protection and privileges to the subjects of His Majesty the Sultan of Morocco within her dominions, which are or may be enjoyed by the subjects of the most favoured nations.

ARTICLE V.

All British subjects and merchants who may wish to reside in any part of the dominions of the Sultan of Morocco shall have perfect security for their own persons and property; and they shall be free to exercise the rites of their own religion, without any interference or hindrance, and to have a burial-place for their dead; and they shall be allowed to go out to bury them with safety and protection in going and in returning. They shall be free to appoint any one whom they may choose of their own friends or servants for the transaction of their affairs, either on land or at sea, without any prohibition or interruption; and if a British merchant shall have a ship in or outside of one of the harbours of the Sultan of Morocco, he shall be permitted to go on board of her, either by himself or with any whom he likes of his own friends or servants, without either himself or his friends or servants being subjected to any forced contribution for so doing.

ARTICLE VI.

Any person subject to the Queen of Great Britain, or under her protection, shall not be compelled to sell or to buy anything without his own free will; nor shall any of the Sultan of Morocco's subjects have a claim or right upon any goods of a British merchant, but what such merchant may give them voluntarily; and nothing shall be taken away from any British merchant but what shall be agreed upon between the respective parties.

The same rule shall be observed with regard to Moorish subjects in the dominions of the Queen of Great Britain.

ARTICLE VII.

No subject of the Queen of Great Britain, nor any person under her protection, shall, in the dominions of the Sultan of Morocco, be made liable to pay a debt due from another person of his nation, unless he shall have made himself responsible or guarantee for the debtor, by a document under his own handwriting; and, in like manner, the subjects of the Sultan of Morocco shall not be made liable to pay a debt due from another person of his nation to a subject of Great Britain, unless he shall have made himself responsible or guarantee for the debtor by a document under his own handwriting.

ARTICLE VIII.

In all criminal cases and complaints, and in all civil differences, disputes, or causes of litigation which may occur between British subjects, the British Consul-General, Consul, Vice-Consul, or Consular Agent, shall be sole judge and arbiter. No Governor, Kadi, or other Moorish authority, shall intermeddle therein; but the subjects of Her Britannic Majesty shall, in all matters of criminal or civil cognizance arising or existing between British subjects exclusively, be amenable to the tribunal of the Consul-General, Consul, or other British authority only.

ARTICLE IX.

All criminal cases and complaints, and all civil differences, disputes, or causes of litigation arising between British subjects and subjects of the Moorish Government, shall be adjusted in the following manner:—

If the plaintiff be a British subject and the defendant a Moorish subject, the Governor of the town or district, or the Kadi, according as the case may appertain to their respective Courts, shall alone judge the case; the British

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subject making his appeal to the Governor or Kadi, through the British Consul General, Consul, or his deputy, who will have a right to be present in the Court during the whole trial of the case.

In like manner, if the plaintiff be a Moorish subject, and the defendant a British subject, the case shall be referred to the sole judgment and decision of the British Consul-General, Consul, Vice-Consul, or Consular Agent; the plaintiff shall make his appeal through the Moorish authorities; and the Moorish Governor, Kadi, or other officer who may be appointed by them shall be present, if he or they so desire, during the trial and judgment of the case. Should the British or Moorish litigant be dissatisfied with the decision of the Consul-General, Consul, Vice-Consul, Governor, or Kadi (according as the case may appertain to their respective Courts), he shall have a right of appeal to Her Britannic Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires and Consul-General, or to the Moorish Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, as the case may be.

ARTICLE X.

A British subject suing, in a Moorish Court of Law, a subject of the Sultan of Morocco, for a debt contracted within the dominions of the Queen of Great Britain, shall be required to produce an acknowledgment of the claim written either in the European or Arabic characters, and signed by the Moorish debtor in the presence of, and testified by, the Moorish Consul, Vice-Consul, or Consular Agent, or before two witnesses whose signatures shall have been at the time, or subsequently, certified by the Moorish Consul, Vice-Consul, or Consular Agent, or by a British Notary in a place where no Moorish Consul, Vice-Consul, or Consular Agent resides. Each document so witnessed or certified by the Moorish Consul, Consular Agent, or British Notary, shall have full force and value in a Moorish tribunal. Should at any time a Moorish debtor escape to any town or place in Morocco where the authority of the Sultan may be established, and where no British Consul or Consular Agent may reside, the Moorish Government shall compel the Moorish debtor to come to Tangier, or other port or town in Morocco where the British creditor may desire to prosecute his claim before a Moorish Court of Law.

ARTICLE XI.

Should the British Consul-General, or any of the British Consuls, Vice-Consuls, or Consular Agents, have at any time occasion to request from the Moorish Government the assistance of soldiers, guards, armed boats, or other aid for the purpose of arresting or transporting any British subject, the demand shall immediately be complied with, on payment of the usual fees given on such occasions by Moorish subjects.

ARTICLE XII.

If any subject of the Sultan be found guilty before the Kadi of producing false evidence to the injury or prejudice of a British subject, he shall be severely punished by the Moorish Government according to the Mahometan law. In like manner, the British Consul-General, Consul, Vice-Consul, or Consular Agent, shall take care that any British subject who may be convicted of the same offence against a Moorish subject, shall be severely punished according to the law of Great Britain.

ARTICLE XIII.

All British subjects, whether Mahometans, Jews, or Christians, shall alike enjoy all the rights and privileges granted by the present Treaty and the Convention of Commerce and Navigation which has also been concluded this day, or which shall at any time be granted to the most favoured nation.

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ARTICLE XIV.

In all criminal cases, differences, disputes, or other causes of litigation arising between British subjects and the subjects or citizens of other foreign nations, no Governor, Kadi, or other Moorish authority shall have a right to interfere, unless a Moorish subject may have received thereby any injury to his person or property, in which case the Moorish authority, or one of his officers, shall have a right to be present at the tribunal of the Consul.

Such cases shall be decided solely in the tribunals of the foreign Consuls, without the interference of the Moorish Government, according to the established usages which have hitherto been acted upon, or may hereafter be arranged between such Consuls.

ARTICLE XV.

It is agreed and covenanted that neither of the High Contracting Parties shall knowingly receive into or retain in its service any subjects of the other Party who have deserted from the naval or military service of that other Party; but that, on the contrary, each of the Contracting Parties shall respectively discharge from its service any such deserters, upon being required by the other Party so to do.

And it is further agreed, that if any of the crew of any merchant-vessel of either Contracting Party, not being slaves, nor being subjects of the Party upon whom the demand is made, shall desert from such vessel within any port in the territory of the other Party, the authorities of such port and territory shall be bound to give every assistance in their power for the apprehension of such deserters, on application being made by the Consul-General or Consul of the Party concerned, or by the deputy or representative of the Consul-General or Consul; and no person whatever shall protect or harbour such deserters.

ARTICLE XVI.

No British subject professing the Mahometan faith, or who may have professed the Mahometan religion, shall be considered as having in any manner lost, or as being by reason thereof in any degree less entitled to, the rights and privileges, or the full protection, enjoyed by British subjects who are Christians; but all British subjects, whatever their religion may be, shall enjoy all the rights and privileges secured by the present Treaty to British subjects, without any distinction or difference.

ARTICLE XVII.

Any subjects of the Queen of Great Britain who may be found in the dominions of the Sultan of Morocco, either in time of peace or in time of war, shall have perfect liberty to depart to their own country, or to any other country, in their own ships or in the ships of any other nation; and they shall also be free to dispose as they please of their goods and property of every kind, and to carry away with them the value of all such goods and property, as well as to take their families and domestics, even though born and brought up in Africa or elsewhere out of the British dominions, without any one interfering with or preventing them under any pretence. All these rights shall be likewise granted to the subjects of the Sultan of Morocco who may be in the dominions of the Queen of Great Britain.

ARTICLE XVIII.

If any subject of Her Britannic Majesty, or any native of a State or place under British protection, should die in the dominions of the Sultan of Morocco, no Governor or officer of the Sultan shall, under any pretence, dispose of the goods or property of the deceased, nor shall any one interfere therewith; but all the property and goods belonging to the deceased, and all that was under

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his hands and in his possession, shall be taken possession of by the persons chosen by him for that purpose, and named in his will as his heirs, if they should be present; but in case such heir or heirs should be absent, then the Consul-General, Consul, or his deputy, shall take possession of all the property and effects, after making a list or inventory thereof, specifying every article correctly, until he delivers the same to the heir of the deceased. But should the deceased die without making any will, the Consul-General, Consul, or his deputy shall have the right to take possession of all the property left by him, and to preserve it for the persons entitled by law to the property of the deceased; and if the deceased should leave behind him debts due to him from individuals, then the Governor of the town, or those who have such a power, shall compel the debtors to pay what is due from them either to the Consul-General, Consul, or his deputy, for the benefit of the estate of the deceased; and likewise, if the deceased should leave behind him debts due from him to a subject of the Sultan of Morocco, the Consul-General, Consul, or his deputy shall assist the creditor in the recovery of his claim upon the estate of the deceased.

ARTICLE XIX.

The present Treaty shall apply generally to all the dominions of Her Britannic Majesty, and to all subjects who are under her obedience, and all those who inhabit any town or place which is considered part of her kingdom, as also to all her subjects in Gibraltar and its inhabitants, and likewise to the inhabitants of the United States of the Ionian Islands which are under her protection; and all those who are called or described as English shall be considered as British subjects, without any distinction between those born in and those born out of Great Britain: and if the Queen of Great Britain should hereafter possess a town or a country which, either by conquest or by Treaty, shall enter under her authority, all its people and inhabitants shall be considered as British subjects, even if only for the first time subjected to Great Britain.

ARTICLE XX.

The subjects of the Queen of Great Britain, and those who are under her government or protection, shall have the full benefit of the privileges and of the particular favours granted by this Treaty, and which may be allowed to the subjects of other nations that are at war with Great Britain; and if after this date any other privileges shall be granted to any other Power, the same shall be extended and apply to and in favour of all British subjects in every respect, as to the subjects of such other Power.

ARTICLE XXI.

If a subject of the Sultan of Morocco should ship himself and his goods on board of a vessel belonging to a nation at war with the Queen of Great Britain, and that ship should be taken by a British man-of-war, the said Moroquine subject, and also his goods, provided they be not contraband of war, shall not be molested or interfered with, but both he and the goods which he has on board the vessel thus taken, shall be let free, and he shall be set at liberty to go where he pleases. In like manner, if a British subject should take his passage on board of a vessel belonging to a nation at war with the Sultan of Morocco, and that vessel be taken by a Moroquine cruizer, such British subject shall not be molested, nor shall his goods, if not contraband of war, which he may have with him on board of the vessel thus taken, be interfered with, but he shall have his liberty, and be left free to go where he pleases, with his goods, without impediment or delay.

ARTICLE XXII.

If any duly commissioned British vessel should capture a ship, and take her to a harbour in the dominions of the Sultan of Morocco, the captors shall be

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allowed to sell such prize or the goods taken in her, without impediment from any one; or they shall be at liberty to depart with their prize and take her to any other place they please.

ARTICLE XXIII.

If a British vessel should be chased by an enemy to within gun-shot from the seaports or shores of the dominions of the Sultan of Morocco, the local authorities shall respect and defend her as much as they can; and, in like manner, the ships of Morocco shall be protected in all the seaports or coasts of the dominions of the Queen of Great Britain.

ARTICLE XXIV.

If a cruizer not belonging either to the Queen of Great Britain or to the Sultan of Morocco should possess letters of marque from a nation at war with Great Britain or with Morocco, that cruizer shall not be permitted to remain in any of the harbours or seaports of either of the two parties, nor to sell its prizes therein, nor to exchange such prizes or their cargo for other merchandize; nor shall any such cruizer be allowed to purchase stores or provisions, except as much as may be absolutely necessary for the voyage to the nearest port of its own country.

ARTICLE XXV.

If an armed ship of a nation at war with Great Britain should be found in any of the harbours or seaports of the Sultan of Morocco, and at the same time a British ship should happen to be also there, such ship of the enemy of Great Britain shall not be allowed to seize upon the British vessel, nor to cause it any injury; and the enemy's ship shall not be allowed to sail in the track of the British vessel till twenty-four hours shall have elapsed after the departure of the said vessel, if the authorities of the port or harbour have the power of detaining the vessel of the enemy. The same rule shall be observed towards the ships of the Sultan of Morocco or his subjects, in all the harbours and seaports of the Queen of Great Britain.

ARTICLE XXVI.

If any British vessels of war or merchant-vessels should enter one of the harbours or seaports of the Sultan of Morocco, and be in want of provisions or refreshments, such vessels shall be at liberty to buy what they require at the current prices of the time, free of duty; but the quantity shall not exceed that which may be sufficient for the sustenance of the master and crew during the voyage to the port whither the vessel may be bound, and also the necessary provisions required for the daily maintenance of the crew during the time the vessel remains at anchorage in the Moorish port.

ARTICLE XXVII.

Vessels or boats freighted by order of the British Government for the conveyance of mails, or employed by the British Government under contract for the same service, shall be respected, and shall have the same privileges as ships of war, if they do not bring or take articles of merchandize to or from a port of the Sultan of Morocco; but if they carry any merchandize from a port of these dominions, they shall pay the same charges as any other merchant-vessel.

ARTICLE XXVIII.

If any vessel belonging to the subjects or to the inhabitants of the dominions of either Contracting Party should enter one of the seaports of the other, and should not wish to go into harbour nor to declare nor sell her cargo there,

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she shall not be compelled to do so, nor shall any one inquire or search in any way to know what she contains; but a guard may be placed on board by the customhouse officers, as long as the vessel remains at anchor, to prevent any illegal traffic.

ARTICLE XXIX.

If a British vessel with a cargo should enter one of the harbours of the Sultan of Morocco, and should wish to land a part of her cargo which may be destined for that place, she shall not be compelled to pay duties upon more than the landed part of her cargo, and shall not be required to pay any duty upon the rest of the cargo which is left on board, but she shall be at liberty to depart with the remainder of her cargo to any place she pleases. The manifest of the cargo of each vessel shall on her arrival be delivered up to the Moorish custom-house officers, who will be permitted to search the vessel on her arrival and departure, or to place a guard on board the vessel to prevent any illegal traffic.

The same rule shall be observed in British ports with regard to Moorish vessels.

The master of each vessel, on departure from a Moorish port, shall be required to present a manifest of the cargo of articles exported, certified by the Consul or the Vice-Consul, and shall exhibit the manifest to the administrators of customs when required to do so, in order that they may verify that no goods have been embarked in contraband.

ARTICLE XXX.

No captain of a British vessel in a Moorish port, and no captain of a Moorish vessel in a British port, shall be in any way compelled to carry any passengers or any kind of goods against his own will, nor shall he be forced to sail for any place which he does not wish to go to; and his ship shall not be molested in any way whatever.

ARTICLE XXXI.

If any of the subjects of the Sultan of Morocco should hire a British vessel to carry goods or passengers from one place to another within the dominions of Morocco, and if in the course of her voyage such British vessel should be forced by stress of weather or accident of the sea to enter a different port in the same dominions, the captain shall not be obliged to pay anchorage or any other duty on account of his entering such port; but if such vessel should discharge or take on board at such port any cargo, the said vessel shall be treated like any other.

ARTICLE XXXII.

Any British ships or vessels which may be damaged at sea, and may enter one of the harbours of the Sultan of Morocco for repairs, shall be received and assisted in all their wants during their stay in such harbour, during their refit, or at their departure for the place of their destination, if the articles required for the repairs of the vessel shall be found for sale in such harbour, and in such case they shall be bought and paid for at the same prices as are usually paid by others; and the British ships or vessels shall not be in any way whatever molested or prevented from proceeding on their voyage.

ARTICLE XXXIII.

If a ship belonging to the Queen of Great Britain, or to any of her subjects, should get on shore, or be wrecked on any part of the dominions of the Sultan of Morocco, she shall be respected and assisted in all her wants, in accordance with the rules of friendship; and such ship, and all her contents, cargo, or any goods which may be saved from her at the time or after the wreck, shall be preserved and given up to the owners, or to the British Consul-General,

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Consul, or his deputy, without the loss or concealment of anything whatever. Should the wrecked vessel have on board any goods which the proprietors desire to sell within the dominions of Morocco, the proprietors shall pay upon these goods the requisite duties; but if the goods on board the vessel had been embarked from any port of the dominions of Morocco, no other duties in addition to those which may already have been paid, shall be demanded, either on importation or on exportation, and the proprietors shall have the right either of selling the goods in Morocco, or of embarking them, as they please. The captain and crew shall be at liberty to proceed to any place they please, and at any time they may think proper, without any hindrance. In like manner, the ships of the Sultan of Morocco, or of his subjects, shall be treated in the dominions of the Queen of Great Britain; it being understood that such ships are to be subject to the same lawful charges for salvage to which British ships are subject. If a British vessel should be wrecked at Wadnoon, or on any part of its coast, the Sultan of Morocco shall exert his power to save and protect the captain and crew, till they return to their own country; and the British Consul-General, Consul, or his deputy shall be allowed to inquire and ascertain, as much as they can, about the captain and crew of any such ship, in order that they may obtain and save them from those parts of the country; and the Governors appointed in those places by the Sultan of Morocco shall also assist the Consul-General, Consul, or deputy, in his researches, agreeably to the rules of friendship.

ARTICLE XXXIV.

Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and His Majesty the Sultan of Morocco engage to do all in their power for the suppression of piracy; and the Sultan especially engages to use his utmost efforts to discover and punish all persons on his coasts or within his dominions who may be guilty of that crime, and to aid Her Britannic Majesty in so doing.

ARTICLE XXXV.

If any of the subjects or of the ships of either of the two Parties should do anything contrary to any of the conditions of this Treaty, whether intentionally or unintentionally, the peace and friendship thereby stipulated for shall not be disturbed, but shall remain preserved, fixed, and always durable upon the basis of sincerity, till communication shall be forwarded to the Sovereign of the aggressor, without his being in the mean time molested; and if any of the subjects of either party should wish or attempt to violate this Treaty, or any of its conditions, his Sovereign shall be bound to chastise and punish him severely for his conduct.

ARTICLE XXXVI.

If this Treaty of Peace and Friendship between the two Contracting Parties should be infringed, and if, in consequence of such infringement, (which God forbid!) war should be declared, all the country and subjects of the Queen of Great Britain, and those under her protection, of whatever degree or class, who may happen to be found in the dominions of the Sultan of Morocco, shall be permitted to depart to any part of the world they choose, and to carry with them their goods and property, their families and their servants or establishments, whether they be British born or not; and they shall be allowed to embark on board of any ship of another nation which they may select. Moreover, a period of six months shall be granted them, if they ask for it, for the arrangement of their affairs, the sale of their goods, or for doing what they please with their property; and during such period of six months they shall have full liberty and perfect security for their persons and property, without any interference, injury, or hindrance in any way, by reason of such war; and the Governors or authorities shall assist and help them in the arrangement of their affairs, and attend them in the recovery of the debts due to them, without delay, dispute, or postponement. In like manner, all this shall be granted to the subjects of the Sultan of Morocco in all the dominions of the Queen of Great Britain.

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ARTICLE XXXVII.

This Treaty shall be declared and made public to the subjects of both parties, lest any one of them should remain ignorant of its conditions, and copies shall be prepared and sent to the Governors and men of authority who are entrusted with the revenue and the expenditure; and also to all the seaports and the captains of cruizers belonging to the Sultan of Morocco.

ARTICLE XXXVIII.

The present Treaty shall be ratified by Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain, and by His Majesty the Sultan of Morocco, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Tangier, as soon as possible within four months from the date hereof.

When the ratifications of the present Treaty, and of the Convention of Commerce and Navigation, which has also been concluded this day between the High Contracting Parties, shall have been exchanged, the stipulations of the said Treaty and Convention shall come into immediate operation, and shall be substituted for the stipulations of all preceding Treaties between Great Britain and Morocco.

In witness whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Treaty, and have affixed thereto their respective seals.

Done at Tangier, the ninth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, corresponding to the Moorish date of the tenth day of the month of Rabbea the second, in the year one thousand two hundred and seventy-three.

(L.S.) J. H. DRUMMOND HAY.

(Arabic signature of)
(L.S.) SEED MOHAMED KHATEEB.

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Correspondence relative to the Affairs of Naples.

No. 1.

The Earl of Clarendon to Sir W. Temple.

Sir, *Foreign Office, May* 19, 1856.

THE 22nd Protocol of the Conferences lately held at Paris, which has been published, will have proved to the Neapolitan Government the anxiety felt by the Congress in regard to the present state of the Italian Peninsula.

This anxiety, and a profound conviction of the imminent danger with which Italy is threatened, can alone justify Her Majesty's Government in deviating from that principle of which they are the first to recognize the importance, that no foreign Power has a right to interfere in the internal affairs of another State; and the Government of the King of the Two Sicilies may be assured that, in offering advice for the regulation of its internal affairs, the Government of Her Majesty is actuated by friendly feelings, and the persuasion that not only the stability of the Sicilian monarchy, but the general peace of Europe, will be endangered by a perseverance in that system of internal administration which now exists in the Neapolitan dominions.

The Neapolitan Government cannot be unmindful of the threatening aspect of affairs in Sicily, where the slightest accident may at any moment rouse into action the ill-suppressed feelings of the people. It must also be aware that there is a point beyond which popular feeling cannot with safety be repressed, and that a system of rigour may fail to be effective at the very moment when the results sought to be attained by it would be most essential for the security of the existing dynasty.

It is, then, in a true spirit of friendship that Her Majesty's Government would recommend the Government of the Two Sicilies to enter upon a new course of internal policy, to endeavour by a general amnesty to rally round the throne those who have been alienated from it by systematic distrust, and in too many cases by unmerited persecution, and to inspire all persons, irrespective of their political opinions, with confidence that justice will be duly administered, and that their personal liberty and their property will be respected.

The attention of Europe is now directed towards Italy as the quarter from whence, more than from any other, the general peace now happily restored is likely again to be disturbed. The Powers of Europe feel that they have a right to employ all the means at their disposal to avert a calamity so grievous as the renewal of war, and the means they may decide on adopting for that purpose will be justified by necessity.

Her Majesty's Government indulge a hope that the Neapolitan Government will take into their consideration whether it would not be prudent, frankly and at once, to adopt a new system which would relieve Europe from anxiety, and improve the relations of Naples with foreign Powers. Its present system is a barrier to the friendly relations between Great Britain and Naples which Her Majesty's Government

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anxiously desire to reestablish; and the Neapolitan Government may be assured that those relations would be rendered more permanent and secure by the adoption of a policy which would be more in harmony with the spirit of the age, and would place the King's throne on a solid foundation by promoting the happiness and encouraging the loyalty of his people.

You will add that Her Majesty's Government look with the utmost anxiety to the answer which may be returned to the communication which, in conjunction with your French colleague, you are now instructed to make to the Neapolitan Minister for Foreign Affairs.

You will read and give a copy of this despatch to the Neapolitan Minister for Foreign Affairs.

I am, &c.
(Signed) CLARENDON.

No. 2.

Sir W. Temple to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received June 7.)

My Lord, *Naples, June 2,* 1856.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch of the 19th May, brought to me by the messenger Ball, who arrived here on the 30th ultimo.

The French Minister and myself called, by appointment, this day at 1 o'clock on M. Carafa to make the communication which we were instructed by our respective Governments to make to him. I accordingly read to him your Lordship's despatch of the 19th ultimo, of which I left with him a copy; the French Minister having done the same with regard to a despatch of the same purport which he had received from his Government.

M. Carafa promised to lay these despatches before the King at the earliest opportnity, to which he assured us that we might expect very shortly to receive answers. He said that the King could not consistently with his dignity allow any foreign Powers to interfere with the internal government of his country, but he would always listen with interest to the representations of friendly Powers.

M. Carafa added that he could assure us that the King felt no desire to prolong the confinement of the political prisoners unnecessarily, and that an extensive amnesty had been prepared, but the execution had been postponed in consequence of the excitement which had been occasioned by the expectations to which the Acts of the Congress had given rise. He expressed, however, his conviction that something would be done before long, and the hope that he would be able to give an answer to our communications which he trusted might prove satisfactory.

I have, &c.
(Signed) W. TEMPLE.

No. 3.

Lord Cowley to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received June 7.)

(Extract.) *Paris, June 6,* 1856.

M. BRENNIER'S report of what passed at the interview which he and Sir William Temple had with M. Carafa, on the 2nd instant, coincides completely with the account given in Sir William Temple's despatch of the same date.

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No. 4.

Sir W. Temple to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received June 15.)

(Extract.) *Naples, June* 9, 1856.

I TRANSMIT to your Lordship a copy and translation of a paper which has been forwarded to me and to a few of my colleagues by the friends of the political prisoners confined in the Castle of Monte Sarchio, giving an account of the sufferings to which these unhappy persons are subjected, owing to the unhealthiness of the place, arising from damp and want of ventilation; to the chains which they are obliged to wear both by day and by night, and from which the sick, the paralysed, and even the dying, are not exempted; and, lastly, to the vexations daily inflicted upon them by the malevolence of their gaolers.

Although the friends of the prisoners say that in making this communication they do not desire that any representations should be made to their Government in their favour, I thought it would be advisable to draw up a statement of the facts contained in the letter and read them to M. Carafa, leaving with him a copy of it, and saying that, as such facts were known, and as I could not suppose this treatment of the prisoners could be sanctioned by the superior authorities, I thought it but fair to them to communicate the statement to M. Carafa, in order that the matter might be investigated, and that these prisoners might be treated in a manner more consistent with the feelings of humanity.

Inclosure in No. 4.

Memorandum.

Eccellentissimo Signore,

AMICI del Barone Carlo Poerio hanno potuto conoscere con certezza che tanto questi come altri distinti prigionieri del Castello de Monte Sarchio soggiacciono a gravissime infermità. Se la costanza del loro animo ha trionfato, e trionferà, nella lotta morale, i loro corpi logori e consunti dalla incessante azione materiale non potranno reggere molto tempo.

Benche il castello stia alla sommità di un colle, i carceri sono assai umidi perchè di recente costruzione, perchè i muri sono assai profondi, perchè le volte sono basse, e le luci assicurate da cancelli di ferro sono di piccola dimensione, perchè secondo il sistema dei carceri solitarii le celle sono distinte e indipendente fra loro, sicche manca la ventilazione ed ogni gioco d'aria.

Contro il sistema penitenziale delle leggi del regno, quei prigionieri soffrono più pene in una volta. Come condannati ai ferri, essi dovrebbero uscire dal bagno pel lavoro, avere agio di far moto, vedere persone, e poter comprare per via qualche ristoro; ed intanto non escono mai dal bagno, come fossero condannati alla pena della reclusione. Se si volessero considerare come tali, non dovrebbero portare le catene. Ma essi sono ad un tratto afflitti dalla prigionia più rigida e dalla più rigida pena de' ferri.

Non tutti possono avere qualche mezzo pecuniario per riscaldare le stanze e per qualche altro sollievo. Le loro famiglie sono divenute indigenti avendole il Governo spogliate quasi tutte pel pagamento delle ingenti spese del giudizio.

Il Barone Poerio ha sofferto ne' passati anni lunghe oftalmie che lo hanno minacciato di totale cecità, e cosi pure ostinati reumi e tosse crudele. Ma ora e profondamente attaccato nella spina dorsale, e fa temere di una tabe consuntiva, malattia che egli supporta da anni, e che richiamava già tutta l'attenzione de' medici. Le catene aumentano sempre più la debolezza del suo corpo, e la debolezza a sua volta cresce la difficoltà dell' uso delle catene.

Tra i compagni di Poerio l'umidita ha privato di un occhio il Signor Schiavoni, ed ora è per perdere l'altro. Il Signor Sticco non sostiene più

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cibo, non ha più stomaco, rovescia quanto trangugia. Il Signor Vincenzo Dono è stato cinque mesi al sito destinato per ospedale, attaccato da fieri dolori reumatici; anche il Signor Nicola Nisco, già fiorente giovane, scrittore pregiatissimo, è combattuto da tosse profonda e da costanti dolori allo stomaco. Il Signor Giuseppe Pica, avvocato Aquilano di sommo merito, già deputato al Parlamento, fa temere della sua vita per forte male di fegato.

Mentre scrivonsi queste righe, se non è trapassato già, è per esalare l'ultimo respiro il Signor Alfonzo Zeuli, giovane de anni trenta-quattro, di nobile famiglia Aquilana, religiosamente educato dai suoi genitori, di costumi e di indole dolcissima. Egli e vittima di una tisi; le sue forze hanno soggiaciuto ai patimenti; muore sereno in grembo a Dio e senza odio, privo del ultimo bacio dei genitori, i quali non vedranno più suoi caratteri e così immagineranno che non hanno più figlio.

Nel divenire cadavere seguita ad esser cinto delle catene.

Accanto al letto del morente giace come tronco incatenato il Giudice Pironti, ornato di molta scienza, in giovine età colpito da paralisi, e inabilitato a qualunque movimento. Gli sono stati prescritti i bagni minerali, ma non ha potuto ottenerli, oltre chè la sua infelice madre ridotta alla più dura indigenza non potrebbe somministrare il denaro per la spesa.

Coteste sofferenze, questi tristissimi casi lunghi d'eccitare un qualche senso d'umanità, aguzzano sempre più lo zelo degli inesorabili agenti destinati quivi dal Governo, i quali aspettan premio secondoche inveiscono su quella carne battezzata. Sotto pretesto di temere tentativi di fuga, di doglianze ingiuriose, &c., &c., le visite ai cancelli, ai nodi delle catene, ed alle persone, con cento altre molestie, si ripetono più volte nella stessa giornata. Un motto solo basterebbe ad occasionare la calata di un prigioniere nelle grotte sottoposte, e la fissazione al suolo col puntale, come pur troppo è avvenuto in addietro.

Queste cose si sottopongono alla conoscienza dei degni Rappresentanti dei Governi più civile e generosi sol per destare nel loro nobile cuore un eco al dolore che affligge i suddetti amici di quelle vittime, e perchè il sagrifizio alla patria di vite cosi importanti non avvenga almeno nelle tenebre e senza avvertirsi.

Ma nessuno intendimento si è avvuto di promovere i buoni offici dei degni Rappresentanti verso il Governo di Napoli, che anzi vengono pregati espressamente di astenersene. I detti amici non solo non hanno avuto alcuna facoltà da Poerio e socii, ma conoscono bene che i medesimi vogliono prima perire che sollecitare nulla dal Governo attuale, sia direttamente sia indirettamente. Oltraccio gli amici medesimi per esperienza del passato e per convincimento proprio sono certi che il Governo di Napoli diverrebbe ancora più feroce nel proseguitare i condannati suddetti e le loro desolate famiglie.

Napoli, le 27 *Maggio*, 1856.

(Translation.)

Eccellentissimo Signore,

THE friends of Baron Poerio have ascertained that the prisoners confined in the Castle of Monte Sarchio are labouring under maladies of a most serious nature. Although their powers of moral endurance have hitherto triumphed, and will continue to triumph, in the struggle, their physical frames, emaciated and wasted by incessant material suffering, must soon give way.

Although the Castle is situated on the summit of a hill, the prisons being of recent construction are very damp. The walls are of great thickness, the vaults deep, and the windows, secured by bars of iron, are of narrow dimensions. The cells, in accordance with the solitary system, being distinct and separate, are deprived of all ventilation and fresh air.

In defiance of the penal regulations prescribed by the laws of the kingdom, these prisoners are undergoing more than one punishment at

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the same time. Being condemned to irons, they should have the right of leaving the prison to work; they should be allowed the means of exercise, of seeing visitors, and of purchasing some refreshments by the wayside; whereas they never leave the prison, as if they were condemned to solitary confinement. If they were to be considered as such, then they should be exempted from carrying irons. They are subjected, however, to the most rigorous confinement to prison, at the same time that they undergo the most rigorous punishment of irons.

They have not all of them the pecuniary means of warming their rooms, or of procuring other alleviations. Their families have been reduced to indigence, the Government having stripped them of almost all their property to defray the heavy expenses of the trial.

Baron Poerio has suffered much in former years from some attacks of ophthalmia, which have threatened him with total blindness, and likewise from obstinate rheumatic pains, and a distressing cough. He is now attacked by a deeply-seated spinal complaint, and fears are entertained from a consumptive "tabes," a malady which he has had to bear with for years, and which has already received all the attention of his physicians. His chains considerably increase the weakness of his body, and this weakness in its turn renders the chains more difficult to bear.

Among the companions of Poerio, damp has already deprived Signor Schiavoni of one eye, and he is now on the point of losing the other. Signor Sticco can no longer retain food, his digestive powers are gone, and he throws up whatever he swallows. Signor Vincenzo Dono has been for five months at the place destined for a hospital, suffering from severe rheumatic pains. Signor Nicola Nisco also, once a healthy young man, and a writer of great merit, is afflicted by a severe cough, and incessant pains in the stomach. Fears are entertained for the life of Signor Guiseppe Pica, a lawyer of Aquila, of great eminence, and formerly a member of Parliament, suffering from a severe liver complaint.

While these lines are being written, Signor Alphonso Zeuli, a young man of 34, of a noble family of Aquila, religiously brought up by his parents, and of gentle habits and disposition, if not already dead, is on the point of breathing his last sigh. He is a victim to consumption; his strength has given way under his sufferings; he gives up his soul with serenity to God, without a feeling of animosity, deprived of the last embraces of his parents, who will no more see his handwriting, and thus will conclude that they have no longer a son. While dying, he continues still to wear his chains. Near the bed of the dying man Judge Pironti lies like a chained corpse—a man of great learning, struck while still in his youth with paralysis, and deprived of all power of motion. He has been recommended the use of mineral baths, but has not been able to obtain them; besides which his unhappy mother, who is reduced to the lowest state of indigence, could not supply funds for the expense.

These sufferings and these most painful cases, far from exciting any feeling of humanity, only serve to whet the zeal of the inexorable agents employed there by the Government, who expect to be rewarded in proportion to the insults which they heap on their fellow-Christians.

Under the pretext of fearing attempts at escape, and of offensive complaints, &c., the examination of the cells, of the bolts of the chains, and of the persons of the prisoners, with other annoyances, are repeated several times in the same day.

The slightest word suffices to cause the prisoner to be immured in the dungeon vaults beneath, and to be chained to the floor, as has already been often the case.

These facts are brought to the knowledge of the worthy Representatives of the more civilized and generous Governments merely to excite in their noble hearts an echo of that grief that weighs upon the above-mentioned friends of these victims, and that lives so precious to their country may not be sacrificed in darkness and in secresy.

But there is no intention of asking these worthy Representatives to use their good offices with the Neapolitan Government; but, on the contrary, they are expressly requested to abstain from such a step. Not only have their friends received no such authority from Poerio and

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his companions, but they are convinced they would rather perish than solicit anything, directly or indirectly, from the present Government. Besides which, their friends feel certain, both from past experience and their own knowledge, that the Neapolitan Government would only become still more cruel in their persecution of the prisoners and of their unhappy families.

Naples, May 27, 1856.

No. 5.

Sir W. Temple to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received June 21.)

My Lord, *Naples, June* 12, 1856.

I CALLED upon M. Carafa yesterday, to ask him how soon we might expect an answer to the representations which M. Brennier and I had been instructed to make to him by our respective Governments. M. Carafa assured me that the copies of the despatches we had left with him had been immediately forwarded to the King at Gaeta, and that he expected to receive an answer soon. I told him that our Governments were very anxious to ascertain what the intentions of the King really are; that we are desirous that His Majesty should act from his own good feelings; but that if, unfortunately, nothing were done, very serious complications would arise, for that England and France were in earnest, and would not allow themselves to be put off or trifled with.

M. Carafa repeated again that the King had the best intentions, but that he could not permit any foreign Powers to interfere with the internal government of his dominions; that an amnesty had been in preparation, but that the Protocols at Paris prevented its being carried out at present, as it might be supposed to have been the result of compulsion. I told him that I trusted that the state of the prisoners at Monte Sarchio would be investigated, and that I was convinced that the King's feelings of humanity would not allow the present state of things to continue; that the infirm health of the prisoners was a sufficient reason for the King to release them, and to allow them at least to go abroad, if he thought that their presence in this country would be inconvenient.

M. Brennier intended to call upon M. Carafa to day, to urge upon him the expediency of returning an early answer to our joint representation .

The King is expected to return to Naples on Sunday next, and to remain here for some days. His presence at Naples would be very desirable at this moment, as it would render him more accessible, and facilitate the dispatch of business.

I have, &c.
(Signed) W. TEMPLE.

No. 6.

The Earl of Clarendon to Sir W. Temple.

Sir, *Foreign Office, June* 23, 1856.

I HAVE to acquaint you that I approve of the language held by you in conversation with M. Carafa, on the subject of political reforms in the Neapolitan dominions, as reported in your despatch of the 12th instant.

I am, &c.
(Signed) CLARENDON.

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No. 7.

Sir W. Temple to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received June 28.)

(Extract.) *Naples, June* 22, 1856.

THE King has instructed M. Carafa to answer the joint representations made by the British and French Governments to that of Naples, through the Neapolitan Ministers accredited to the Courts of London and Paris.

The Baron de Brennier having informed me, on the evening of the 19th instant, that he had just received a communication to that effect from M. Carafa, in consequence of a conversation he had previously had with him, I called at the Foreign Office on the following morning to ascertain what the real intentions of the King were upon the subject.

M. Carafa told me that His Majesty had decided to send his answer to the communication made to this Government by Baron Brennier and myself through his Ministers at London and Paris, and that he had received instructions to address despatches to Prince Carini and the Marquis Antonini, who would be charged to communicate them to Lord Clarendon and Count Walewski, copies of which, I understood him to say, would be given to Baron Brennier and myself, for our information. He said that, without adverting to the Protocols of Paris, the King had instructed him to express his appreciation of the friendly feelings which animated our Governments in making the communication, but as he had the best means of knowing the internal state of his own dominions, he must be allowed to act according to his own judgment; that his conduct from the beginning of his reign had afforded sufficient proofs of the clemency of his disposition, but he considered that the present moment was not opportune for granting an amnesty, according to the suggestion of our Governments; that the minds of the disaffected had been much excited by late events, and that any concession made while this excitement continued would only tend to embolden the revolutionary party, raise their hopes, and endanger the tranquillity of the country. That when, however, circumstances were more favourable, and the mind of the people more calm, he should feel inclined to avail himself of the first occasion which he judged opportune to grant such an amnesty as he might think consistent with the safety of the Government.

As M. Carafa was unable to say how long the present state of things which prevented concessions being made might continue, or till what period we might hope that an amnesty would be granted, I told him that I deeply regretted the decision which the King had come to, for I considered it very possible that the Governments of England and France would consider the answer as evasive and unsatisfactory. I observed to him that the Government had nothing now to fear from the revolutionary party, who were few in number, without leaders, and without any common plan of action; that a perseverance in the present system would render the feeling of discontent general throughout all classes, and that much more dangerous consequences might be expected to arise from impairing the friendly feelings which existed between the Western Powers and Naples than could be apprehended from an act of clemency on the part of His Majesty which would tend to strengthen those feelings, and, at the same time, to regain for his Government the confidence of his subjects.

The King arrived at Naples on the 14th, and returned to Gaeta on the 20th instant, having given to M. Carafa his instructions for drawing up the despatch before his departure. It is probable, therefore, that it may be sent by the steamer which goes on the 23rd instant direct to Marseilles.

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No. 8.

Sir W. Temple to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received June 28.)

My Lord, *Naples, June* 23, 1856.

A TRIAL has been lately going on in the Grand Criminal Court, which has attracted much public attention by the disclosures made by witnesses in the open court, of the barbarous and illegal treatment both of prisoners and witnesses by the agents of the police, partly out of wanton cruelty, but more especially for the purpose of forcing the witnesses to give such evidence against the accused as the police might choose to dictate, and to sign depositions, stating as facts matters which the witnesses were either ignorant of or knew to be false.

It must be observed, however, that these acts were committed at a time when Mazza was Director of the Police, and when, with Campagna, he enjoyed the full confidence of the King. Since the appointment of Signor Bianchini, these abuses have been gradually checked in the capital (though I understand that very little change has taken place in the provinces); and Campagna, who was then Commissary over four quarters of the town, has now only one quarter under his authority.

I inclose to your Lordship a paper giving an account of the chief incidents that have hitherto taken place during the trial, which however is not yet terminated.

The whole thing appears to have been got up by the police, as the principal and only accuser, Pierro, has long been one of their agents, and the rest were his victims or dupes.

It is very evident, from what has appeared at the trial, that nothing like a plot or conspiracy existed, although it is possible that some few of the prisoners (who are ignorant, uneducated men) might have imagined some foolish schemes, and that some of the political prisoners in the Bagno of Procida might have entertained the hope of a change of Government which would lead to their liberation; but the parties concerned are so insignificant, and the accusation is so trumpery, that it appears to have been very ill-judged on the part of the Government to recall the misdeeds of the police under Mazza and Campagna, whose power, although mitigated in Naples by the present Director, Signor Bianchini, still exists, ready to be exercised in as arbitrary a way as ever, should another Minister of Police similar to Bianchini's predecessor be appointed to succeed him.

I have, &c.

(Signed) W. TEMPLE.

Inclosure in No. 8.

Memorandum.

ON the 14th of July of last year, sixteen persons were arrested by the Commissary of Police, Campagna, who were accused of conspiring to overthrow the Government, and to place Murat on the Throne of Naples. These arrests are stated in the Act of Accusation to have been made in consequence of the confessions of one of the conspirators named Pierro, whose feelings of compunction led him to disclose to Campagna the existence of the plot, and the names of the conspirators. This Pierro, it is to be observed, is a low agent of the police, and bears a most disreputable character. Pierro stated that Mignogna, a lawyer, was at the head of the conspiracy, and had employed him to distribute some printed seditious papers. Among the accused were some lawyers, some political prisoners confined in the Bagno of Procida, an Augustinian monk, two priests, and a female named Pace, who was to have married one of the prisoners before his condemnation. To this number were added, a short time afterwards, fifteen other persons, who were accused by Pierro of being concerned in the plot. All the persons arrested were, in the first instance, placed in what are called the "criminali" of the Police Office,

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namely, dark, filthy cells, with only a stone bench next to the wall, for the prisoner to sit on; and after having been subjected to various degrees of insult and ill-usage, and urged by threats to sign depositions which they knew to be false, they were then transferred to a prison. The management of the trial was afterwards taken out of the hands of Campagna and the police, and made over to the Procuratore-Generale Nicoletti.

The investigation lasted nearly four months, after which the greater number of the prisoners were liberated, as the charges brought forward against them by Pierro proved to be wholly unfounded and unsupported by any evidence, though their dwellings and papers had been ransacked by the police, in the hope of finding some document which might criminate them. The remaining prisoners, consisting of Mignogna and ten more, were, however, detained in prison, and it was determined that they should be brought to trial. The proceedings, however, were delayed for some time, and it was only at the beginning of this month that the public trial in the Criminal Court commenced, when the witnesses and the prisoners were called upon to confirm verbally the depositions which they had previously made and signed before the police and the Procuratore-Generale.

On the first day of the trial, Mignogna, who appears to have been particularly obnoxious to the police, declared in open court the treatment which he had received from Campagna and the police agents when he was arrested last year. He said that he was insulted, beaten, and spit upon, and left to pass the night in a most filthy place; and on the following day he was bastinadoed by order of Campagna, and received fifty blows.

This arbitrary and illegal proceeding was generally known last July, when it occurred, and produced a feeling of indignation and alarm among all classes, who felt that there was nothing to prevent their being subjected to the same treatment at the will of Mazza and Campagna, who then directed the police.

At the same sitting, Pierro the accuser was called upon to repeat his evidence, but what he stated on the occasion was quite at variance with his previous deposition. He stated that he had been told by the conspirators that they received money from England; and, as a proof of their guilt, he said that in the public coffee-shop where they used to meet, they always rejoiced when they heard any news favourable to the allies.

The second day of the trial was occupied in collecting evidence respecting the correspondence which was supposed to have been kept up between those members of the conspiracy who were prisoners at Procida and their friends in Naples. One of the prisoners, Ventre, declared that it was impossible to correspond; and that so strict were the authorities of the prison at Procida, that in one day more than 1,000 blows were dealt among the various prisoners suspected of having written or received letters without the permission of the authorities.

Padre Luigi Juppa, a monk of the Augustinian Order, who had signed a statement which contained charges against Padre Ruggieri, a monk of the same Order, who is one of the prisoners, declared that what he had signed was entirely false: that he had been taken to prison on the same day that Juppa was arrested, and kept for twelve days in a horrible dungeon, until he signed a false deposition against Ruggieri, which he was at length forced to do against his will, having been so much intimidated by the menaces of Campagna.

The General or Superior of the same Order, a highly respected man, was examined, and stated that Juppa had made the same declaration to him soon after his liberation; and a letter was read which Juppa had written to Ruggieri, entreating him to forgive him for his false accusation, and promising that he would declare the truth as soon as an opportunity occurred.

It seems that Campagna, in his official report, stated, on the contrary, that on the day he arrested Ruggieri, Juppa had come voluntarily into the cell, and himself offered to make the deposition in question. Another monk, called Padre Felice, was also forced to sign a false deposition; and

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on his declaring before the Court the reason which had induced him to do so, the Procuratore-Generale endeavoured to prove that the witness had been a lunatic; upon which the monk observed that it was because he would not betray his conscience, and determined to tell the truth, that the Procuratore said he was insane.

No. 9.

Sir W. Temple to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received July 1.)

My Lord, *Naples, June* 26, 1856.

I CALLED yesterday upon M. Carafa to learn whether the despatches which he was to address to Prince Carini and the Marquis Antonini, to be by them communicated to the Governments of England and France, had been sent to them; when he informed me that he was waiting to receive the drafts of them from the King, to whom they had been submitted, and which had not yet been returned to him; and he added that, after he had received them, he would communicate their contents to M. Brennier and myself, but that he could not give us copies of them.

I have, &c.
(Signed) W. TEMPLE.

No. 10.

Sir W. Temple to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received July 5.)

My Lord, *Naples, June* 30, 1856.

I MET M. Carafa yesterday evening, who informed me that he had not yet received the despatches from the King which he was to forward to London and Paris, but that he might possibly get them to-day in time to send them by the direct steamer which leaves Naples this evening for Marseilles, and he promised to let me know as soon as he received them.

It seems pretty evident that the object of the Government is to gain time, and to delay, as long as possible, returning an answer to our representations.

The King is living in a very retired manner at Gaeta, seeing nobody but his family, and apparently occupying himself but little with public affairs. He will soon go to Ischia for a few days, and then pass some time at Castellamare.

The trials have begun again, and more disclosures continue to be made by the witnesses highly discreditable to the police authorities.

I have, &c.
(Signed) W. TEMPLE.

No. 11.

Sir W. Temple to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received July 9.)

(Extract.) *Naples, July* 3, 1856.

LATE on the evening of the 1st instant I received a note from M. Carafa, of which I inclose a copy, informing me that he had received from the King, and had forwarded to Paris and London, the despatches containing the reply of this Government to the communications made to it by the French Minister and myself on the part of our respective Governments, and a similar note was also sent by M. Carafa to M. Brennier.

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Inclosure in No. 11.

M. Carafa to Sir W. Temple.

M. le Chevalier, *Naples, le* 30 *Juin,* 1856.

POUR satisfaire votre empressement je veux vous annoncer d'avoir expédié à Paris et à Londres les réponses aux communications reçues par vous et par M. Brennier.

Je vous en ai verbalement communiqué le sens, et je n'aurai aucune difficulté de vous en faire connaitre la rédaction, en vous en donnant, si cela vous interesse, la lecture aussitôt que je serai informé qu'elles sont à leur destination.

Agréez, &c.
(Signé) CARAFA.

(Translation.)

Sir, *Naples, June* 30, 1856.

TO satisfy your urgency, I wish to inform you that I have dispatched to Paris and to London the answers to the communications received through you and M. Brennier.

I have already communicated to you verbally the sense of those answers, and I shall have no difficulty in making you acquainted with the drafts thereof, by giving you, if that will interest you, a perusal of them, so soon as I am informed that the answers have arrived at their destination.

Accept, &c.
(Signed) CARAFA.

No. 12.

M. Carafa to Prince Carini.—(Communicated to the Earl of Clarendon by Prince Carini, July 9.)

Ministero degli Affari Esteri,
Signor Principe, *Napoli,* 30 *Giugno,* 1856.

DAL mio dispaccio del 7 corrente, avrà ella conosciuto in riassunto le communicazioni fattemi da questo Inviato di Sua Maestà Britannica, nel rimettermi copia di un dispaccio di cotesto Ministro degli Affari Esteri di 19 dello scorso Maggio.

Dalla copia quì acchiusa di tale documento, che credo necessario abbia sott' occhio, ella scorgerà che il Governo di Sua Maestà Britannica, nell' idea di allontanare ogni pericolo di veder turbata la pace che le Conferenze di Parigi hanno giustamente manifestato di voler garantire, o vederne compromessa la durata, ha assunto lo scopo di mostrarsi inquieto sulle condizioni interne de' dominì del Rè, nostro Signore, per dare consigli tendenti ad ispirare il pensiero di una necessità di cangiamente nella nostra amministrazione, mentre riconosce la importanza del principio che nessuna Potenza straniera abbia il diritto di mischiarsi negli affari interni di un altro Stato.

Manifesta il Governo Inglese delle apprensioni per la stabilità della Monarchia e per la pace di Europa, laddove si perseverasse nell' attuale sistema di nostra interna amministrazione, e si fa a raccomandare dei cangiamenti propri a farsi entrare in un nuovo sentiero di amministrazione interna, che a suo credere contribuirebbe a distruggere ogni malcontento che fosse capace di turbare la tranquillità del Regno e la pace Europea.

E troppo evidente quanto si allontani il Governo Inglese dall' applicazione del principio che professa, di non ingerirsi, cioè, negli altrui interni affari. L'idea di voler giustificare la più asserta ingerenza nell' amministrazione di questi Reali dominì, dicendosi allarmato da sintomi di malcontento et da elementi di disordine, prodotti dal sistema governativo, i quali

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peraltro sono ben lungi dall' esistere, e dall' asserito minacevole aspetto della Sicilia, dove qualunque piccolo incidente si vorrebbe far credere capace di mettere in azione i mal repressi sentimenti delle popolazioni, sorte, com' ella vede, da' limiti di amichevole consiglio, ed è lo stesso che chiamare un Governo indipendente a misurare l'estensione e la direzione dello spirito dei proprî popoli, per far credere ad un allarme non esistente, ma che mai un Governo estero può credersi autorizzato a calmare.

Deve il Governo Inglese esser convinto che il Governo delle Due Sicilie, scrupoloso nel rispettare l'altrui indipendenza, non riconosce ad alcuno il diritto d'ingerirsi nella interna amministrazione de' Regi Stati, ed ancor meno quello di sindacarne gli atti e il sistema di giustizia.

Tutto ciò è contrario al fine manifestato di voler riparare e prevenire le rivoluzioni; chè anzi se alcun movimento di pubblico disordine può aver luogo sia in Napoli, sia specialmente in Sicilia, dovrebbe esso attribuirsi a tale ingerenza nello interno altrui regime, la quale togliendo al Governo la necessaria forza morale, diviene la causa potente che ha suscitato e suscita tuttavia, non solo ne' Regi Stati, ma nell' Italia intera, lo spirito rivoluzionario, adescato sopra tutto dalle non ben calcolate protezioni pe' principali agitatori.

Simili suggerimenti, tendenti a conservar la pace, non potranno mai con minor diritto o per meno fondati timori rivolgersi al Governo delle Due Sicilie, nè di cui Stati la rivoluzione è stata e sarà sempre compressa dalla devozione dei popoli pel loro Sovrano e dalla dovuta fermezza del Governo.

Sua Maestà il Rè ha dato innumerevoli pruove di sua clemenza; e ciò che maggiormente devesi deplorare si è che quelli stessi sù quali si è esercitata sonosi costantemente mostrati incorreggibili e sempre pronti a gittare il paese nel disordine e nella costernazione.

E ben suo malgrado che il Rè, nostro Signore, nelle attuali circostanze d'Italia, ove da folli speranze nuovamente rianimati si agitano i rivoluzionari, non può far sentire gli effetti della solita sua sovrana clemenza alla ostinata genia de' nemici della pubblica quiete, nè potrà esercitarla finchè il bene de' suoi Stati e la propria dignità non ne additeranno al suo Real animo la opportunità e la convenienza.

Son certo che codesto Governo è ben informato della perfetta tranquillità di che gode questo Regno; epperò non credo necessario, per dimostrarla, di aggiungere argomenti, i quali non potrebbero esser mai più loquaci de' fatti.

E ella autorizzata, Signor Principe, a dar lettura di questo dispaccio a sua Eccellenza il Conte di Clarendon, Ministro degli Affari Esteri di Sua Maestà Britannica, e a rilasciargliene copia.

(Firmato) CARAFA.

(Translation.)

Signor Prince, *Foreign Office, Naples, June* 30, 1856.

YOU will have understood in brief, from my despatch of the 7th instant, the communications made to me by the Minister of Her Britannic Majesty here, in delivering to me the copy of a despatch from the British Minister of Foreign Affairs of the 19th day of May last.

From the inclosed copy of that document, which I think it necessary that you should have before you, you will observe that Her Britannic Majesty's Government, with the idea of removing every danger of having that peace disturbed which the Conferences of Paris have justly manifested a desire to guarantee, or of hazarding its duration, has assumed the purpose of showing itself uneasy in regard to the internal condition of the dominions of the King, our Sovereign, in order to give advice tending to suggest thoughts of a necessity for change in our administration, at the same time that it recognizes the value of the principle that no foreign Power has a right to mix itself up with the internal affairs of another State.

The English Government displays apprehensions for the stability of the monarchy, and for the peace of Europe, if the present system of our

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internal administration be continued; and it goes on to recommend changes calculated to lead us to a new course of internal administration, which, in its opinion, would contribute to put an end to any disaffection capable of disturbing the tranquillity of the kingdom and the peace of Europe.

It is very evident that the British Government widely departs from the application of the principle put forth by it, of not interfering in the internal affairs of another. The idea of wishing to justify the most open interference in the administration of these dominions by the allegation of alarm at symptoms of discontent and elements of disorder produced by the system of government, and which, moreover, are very far from existing, and at the asserted threatening aspect of Sicily, where it is wished to make every little incident be thought capable of rousing into activity the ill-repressed feelings of the people, goes beyond the limits of friendly advice, as you will observe; and it is equivalent to calling upon an independent Government to measure the extent and direction of the spirit of its own people, in order to induce the belief in an alarm which does not exist, but which a foreign Government can never believe itself authorized to allay.

The English Government must be convinced that the Government of the Two Sicilies, scrupulous in respecting the independence of others, does not admit in any other a right of interference in the internal administration of the Royal States, and still less that of censuring the acts and the system of justice.

All this is contrary to the object put forth of a desire to obviate and prevent revolutions. On the contrary, if any movement of public disorder may have occurred, either in Naples, or particularly in Sicily, it should be attributed to such interference in the internal government of another State which, by taking away the necessary moral power from the Government, becomes the potent cause which has excited, and still excites, not only in the Neapolitan States, but throughout Italy, the revolutionary spirit which is especially allured by the miscalculated protection afforded to the chief agitators.

Such suggestions tending to the maintenance of peace, can never be addressed with less justice or from more unfounded fears to the Government of the Two Sicilies, in the States of which revolution has been and always will be suppressed by the devotedness of the people to their Sovereign, and by the proper firmness of the Government.

His Majesty the King has given innumerable proofs of his clemency, and it is greatly to be deplored that those very persons towards whom it has been exercised, have constantly shown themselves incorrigible, and always ready to throw the country into disorder and consternation.

It is very much against his inclination that the King, our Sovereign, in the present circumstances of Italy, where revolutionists, recently encouraged by foolish hopes, are in agitation, cannot manifest the effects of his accustomed sovereign clemency to the obstinate breed of the enemies of public peace; and he cannot have recourse to it until the welfare of his States and his own dignity indicate the occasion and the propriety of the same to his Royal mind.

I am persuaded that the English Government is well informed of the perfect tranquillity enjoyed by this kingdom, and therefore I do not think it necessary, in order to prove it, to add arguments which could never be more persuasive than the facts.

You are authorised, Signor Prince, to read this despatch to his Excellency the Earl of Clarendon, &c., and to give him a copy of the same.

(Signed) CARAFA.

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No. 13.

Sir W. Temple to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received July 19.)

My Lord, *Naples, July* 14, 1856.

IT is reported that the King will come into Naples to-morrow from Gaeta, to be present during the Fête of the Madonna del Carmine, and that he will then proceed to Ischia. He leads a very secluded life, and sees nobody, and appears to be determined to oppose passive resistance to any attempt made by other Powers to influence his policy. Indeed, he is reported to have declared that he will not yield to pressure, and if attacked he will leave the country.

The measures which the English and French Governments may adopt in consequence of the unsatisfactory answer to their representations returned by this Government, give rise to much speculation and anxiety among all parties.

Little is to be expected, however, from any internal attempts at improvement in the Government, supported as it is by the Swiss troops and by the rest of the army, who, although discontented with their officers, are too dependent on their pay to risk losing it by turning against the Government; moreover, any popular movement would furnish them with a pretext for plunder.

The police, composed as it is of the most brutal and reckless set of individuals, who have the power to imprison and maltreat any person without affording them the means of defence or redress, of course intimidate individuals, and prevent any concerted plan or action, as the fear and corruption introduced by the system is so great that nobody can trust his neighbour.

I have, &c.
(Signed) W. TEMPLE.

No. 14.

Sir W. Temple to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received July 22.)

(Extract.) *Naples, July* 17, 1856.

I HAVE the honour to inclose, herewith, to your Lordship the copy and translation of a proclamation drawn up by the more moderate leaders of the Liberal party, which has been very extensively, though privately, circulated throughout Naples and the Provinces.

The object of it is to recommend moderation, and to counsel their countrymen to refrain from premature and ill-advised action, and to wait until they can ascertain what measures the Western Powers may think proper to adopt in order to correct the abuses of the present administration, and to establish a Government founded on justice and legality.

No day has yet been fixed for resuming the political trials which have been suspended, the Court being engaged in privately examining the different written papers alleged to have been found in possession of the prisoners. The persons appointed to examine and report upon the writings have, however, declared that the handwriting of some of them has been forged.

In the Provinces the Intendenti still continue to persecute individuals on mere suspicion. At Catanzaro, in Calabria, seventeen respectable inhabitants have been arrested and thrown into prison by the Intendente Morelli, being suspected of entertaining liberal opinions, and of being disaffected towards the present Government.

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Proclamation.

Napolitani,

LE vostre sofferenze sono state si lungamente crudeli e dolorose, e con tanta dignità sopportate, che son riuscite a commovere la diplomazia Europea. Eppure ella non sà nè ha potuto saperne che una parte infinitamente piccola al paragone! Ora che un' aura propizia comincia a farci sperare non lontano il trionfo della giustizia e della legalità, ora che per visibili segni la mano di Dio si aggrava sulle amministrazioni fedifrage, disonore dei popoli a loro confidati, noi ci rivolgiamo a voi con quella stessa serenità di animo, la quale non è mai venuta meno per variar di vicende o prevalenza di passioni nemiche a' principj più santi.

Forse non è lontano il tempo in cui questa patria nostra sarà teatro di nuovi avvenimenti. Aspettateli con quella stessa dignitosa e nobile calma della quale avete dato sin' ora sì splendide prove. Quando essi si cambieranno, mostratevi non quali schiavi che spezzino le loro catene, ma quali uomini liberi che sentono tutto il pregio della propria libertà, che hanno coscienza dei propri dritti, che vogliono il regno della legalità e della giustizia, non impazzare per i campi delle utopie e de' vani fantasmi. Non dissimulate a voi stessi neppure uno dei passati errori, ed il non dissimularveli sarà il pegno più sicuro che non saranno ripetuti. Siate concordi in quest' uno desiderio della legalità costituzionale e d' un amministrazione che possa e voglia mantenerla intatta ed inviolata. Rispettate i dritti di tutti, non siate ingiusti verso coloro che si son mantenuti devoti ai doveri della disciplina militare, che non hanno meno di voi esecrato alle prevalenti ingiustizie, e che meritano pure per tanti riguardi l' affetto e la stima vostra.

L' onore della patria comune è specialmente confidato nelle loro mani; ed in un regime più illuminato e più giusto non si rimarranno dal serbarlo incontaminato contro la prepotenza delle armi straniere, emuli de' loro compagni d' armi del Piemonte, che hanno guadagnato alla causa Italiana le simpatie dell' Europa.

Concordia e calma: ecco quanto non cesseremo di raccomandarvi, e lasciate a' nemici vostri il rimorso di aver calpestato l' opera di Dio, e quelle rabbie di vendetta che sono il più sicuro indizio della propria debolezza. Così potremo solo augurarci d'aver Dio con noi, e potremo sperare il trionfo di una causa che è certamente la più santa e la più giusta.

(Translation.)

Neapolitans,

YOUR cruel and painful sufferings have been of such long duration, and have been borne with so much dignity, that they have succeeded n rousing the diplomacy of Europe. And yet but an infinitely small portion of the actual truth has come, or could have come, to its knowledge.

Now that a propitious breeze leads us to hope that the triumph of legality and of justice is not far distant, now that the hand of God is visibly weighing upon that faithless Government that dishonours the people whose interests are confided to it, we turn towards you with that serenity of mind which has never failed us under various vicissitudes, and notwithstanding the prevalence of passions opposed to the most sacred principles.

The time is probably not far distant when our country will become the theatre of fresh events. Await them with the same dignified and noble calmness of which you have hitherto given such splendid proofs. Whenever these changes take place, show yourselves, not as slaves who have broken their chains, but as freemen who feel all the value of their personal liberty, who are conscious of their rights, and who desire the reign of legality and of justice, instead of losing your reason in search of utopian schemes and idle phantoms. Do not conceal from yourselves a single one

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of your past errors; your not doing so will be the surest pledge that they will not be repeated. Be united in this one wish for constitutional legality, and for an administration possessed of the power and the will to maintain it intact and inviolate.

Respect the rights of all; be just towards those who have maintained their devotion to the duties of military discipline—who have, not less than yourselves, execrated the prevailing system of injustice, and who deserve, on so many accounts, your esteem and affection. The honour of our common country is specially entrusted to their care, and under a more enlightened and juster system of Government, they would not hesitate to protect it from blemish against the predominance of foreign armies, emulous of their brothers in arms of Piedmont who have won for the Italian cause the sympathies of Europe.

Unity and calmness—this is what we shall not cease to recommend to you. Leave to your enemies the remorse of having trampled on the work of God, and that thirst for vengeance which is the surest indication of their own weakness.

By these means alone can we expect that God will be with us, and hope for the triumph of a cause that is certainly most sacred and most just.

No. 15.

Mr. Petre to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received August 5.)

(Extract.) *Naples, July* 31, 1856.

I HAVE the honour to state that Sir William Temple left Naples on the 28th instant for Marseilles, leaving me in charge of this Mission.

No. 16.

Mr. Petre to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received August 6.)

(Extract.) *Naples, July* 31, 1856.

WITH reference to Sir William Temple's despatch of the 17th instant, transmitting to your Lordship the copy and translation of an address to the Neapolitan people, which had been published and extensively circulated by the leaders of the Constitutional party, I have now the honour to inclose the text and translation of a counter address, likewise anonymous, which has been issued, if I am rightly informed, at the instigation, certainly with the connivance, of the police. It is supposed to have been written by a prominent Liberal in 1848, now the champion of the Neapolitan Government.

Your Lordship will no doubt contrast the violent tone and language of this intemperate appeal to "order," with the extreme moderation that characterised the address of that party denounced by it as incendiary.

I have thought it worth while to transmit this production to your Lordship, not certainly from its intrinsic value, but merely to show that the Neapolitan Government, however it may seem to set public censure at defiance, does not disdain to pay an indirect homage to public opinion here by this effort, clumsy as it may be, to conciliate it.

There is, I am informed, little likelihood of any disturbance, for the present at least, of the tranquillity of this capital.

Signor Bianchini who, as Minister of Police, seems to stand out in honourable relief from among those of whom he is the nominal head, has wisely discountenanced and suppressed those riotous demonstrations of loyalty by the dregs of the population, which the police have been frequently accused of originating for the purpose of decoying the unwary into demonstrations of an opposite character.

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Address.

Napoletani,

UN esecrabile, per quanto stolto, scritto sediziozo è stato fatto negli scorsi giorni astutamente circolare nella nostra città. Desso vergato dalla mano di qualche miserabile a solo fine d' istillare novellamente il sospetto nell' animo di un popolo tranquillo e non corrivo a farsi illudere da utopistiche chimere, è stato accolto con profonda indignazione da tutti gli onesti, i quali, veri amanti del progresso, si attendono soltanto dall' ordine e dalla calma quegl' immegliamenti che formano l'unico pensiero di un saggio Governo. Ed ora che pochi tristi servendosi delle santissime parole di religione, di patria, e di libertà, sulle di cui empie labbra suonano esecrande bestemmie, vorrebbero immergere questo paese in novelle sciagure, non vi unirete concordi per annientarli coi fulmini del disprezzo? Ne siamo certi. Il buon senso de' nostri concittadini n'è arra sicura.

A chi non è noto che questo ristrettissimo numero di malvagi non avendo nulla a sperare in tempi normali, tutto si attendono dalle agitazioni e dalle turbolenze della piazza; e veri nemici della società, vorrebbero farla crollare onde in nome della nostra sacrosanta religione distruggere con sacrilega mano gli altari del nostro divin culto; invocando la patria, apportare la desolazione nelle nostre famiglie; e colla parola libertà rinnovare i saturnali de' tempi del disordine.

Il nostro linguaggio è quello della verità, e ne facciamo appello alla pubblica opinione. Rammentatevi, o Napoletani, le utopie del 1799; le abberrazioni del 1820; e le stoltezze del 1848. Quali furono i risultamenti di que' sovversivi attentati? Il lutto e la desolazione.

Che tutti gli onesti quindi sieno concordi a schiacciare codesti malvagi, le di cui prave mire sono di abbattere i nostri altari, infamare le nostre famiglie, appropriarsi i nostri beni. Che tutti sieno pronti e decisi, come noi, a respingere qualunque seduzione, onde mostrare allo straniero, che vuolsi da costoro calunniare con una assurda solidarietà, che i Napoletani riuniti sotto la bandiera del loro nazionale ed impavido Governo, son decisi di respingere qualunque turpe attentato all' ordine, imperocchè riposano fiduciosi e tranquilli sul senno del loro augusto Sovrano, dal quale soltanto, si attendono ogni bene ed ogni prosperità.

(Translation.)

Neapolitans,

A FOOLISH, but execrable, seditious paper has been cunningly circulated, within the last few days, throughout this city. Emanating from the hand of some wretch, for the sole purpose of instilling new suspicions into the minds of a tranquil people, who are too sensible, however, to be deluded by utopian fancies, it has been received with profound indignation by all honest men, who, real lovers of progress, look only to order and tranquillity for those improvements which engross all the attention of a wise Government. And now that a few miserable men, using the sacred words, Religion, Country, and Liberty, which sound upon their impious lips like execrable blasphemies, would plunge this country into new misfortunes, will you not unite together in annihilating them with the thunders of your contempt? We are convinced that you will; the good sense of our fellow-citizens is an earnest of it.

It is notorious that this very limited number of wicked men, having nothing to hope for in ordinary times, look for everything to street agitations and disturbances. Real enemies to society, their object is to shake its fabric; and then, in the name of our holy religion, to destroy, with sacrilegious hands, the altars of our Divine faith; to carry desolation into our homes, while invoking the name of our country; and, with liberty on their lips, to revive the orgies of the period of disorder.

Our language is that of truth, and we appeal in its name to public

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opinion. Recollect, Neapolitans, the utopia of 1799, the hallucinations of 1820, and the follies of 1848! What have those subversive efforts resulted in? Strife and desolation.

Let all honest men, then, unite in crushing these evil-minded men, whose wicked objects are to level our altars, cast disgrace upon our families, and appropriate our property. Let all be as ready and determined as ourselves to reject every species of seduction, to show to foreigners, whom these men calumniate by placing them in ridiculous association with themselves, that the Neapolitans, united under the banner of their national and fearless Government, are resolved to resist every shameful attack upon order, reposing with calm confidence on the wisdom of their august Sovereign, from whom alone they expect every benefit and prosperity to flow.

No. 17.

Mr. Petre to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received August 9.)

My Lord, *Naples, August* 4, 1856.

I UNDERSTAND that the political trials, which have been suspended for some weeks, are likely to be resumed towards the middle of this month. They were interrupted, as your Lordship was informed by Sir William Temple, in his despatch of the 17th ultimo, in order that certain papers implicating, and alleged to have been found upon, the accused, might be submitted for verification to the inspection of a Mixed Commission of Experts, chosen by the Crown and the prisoners. This Commission was called for by the prisoners' counsel, and its decision, in the two cases submitted to it, has been favourable to the accused; in one instance the handwriting was pronounced to be a forgery, in the other, of doubtful authenticity.

Meanwhile, a report upon the trials up to their present stage has been drawn up by two of the Councillors of State, and submitted to the King, by His Majesty's commands.

Although it is pretty evident that the case for the prosecution has broken down, I fear that the antecedents of Neapolitan justice forbid the belief either that the trials will be quashed, or that the majority, at least, of the accused will be acquitted. But whatever the result of them may be, the conduct of these trials has revealed a scene of subornation, perjury, and cruelty, unsurpassed, I believe, even in the judicial records of this country, and has cast, if possible, a deeper stain upon the dark practices of the Neapolitan police.

I have, &c.
(Signed) G. G. PETRE.

No. 18.

Mr. Petre to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received August 18.

(Extract.) *Naples, August* 10, 1855.

I HAVE the honour to inclose a copy of a Memorandum, together with its translation.

Inclosure in No. 18.

Memorandum on the Present State and Requirements of the Kingdom of Naples.

26 *Luglio*, 1856.

VI ha dei fatti veri ma non verisimili nella vita degli uomini e delle nazioni: però chi si fa a dire la verità sulle cose di Napoli corre rischio di non essere creduto da chi è straniero alle condizioni politiche e civili del regno. Un sistema di leggi sagge e liberali, de' migliori forse di Europa; una tranquillità

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quasi normale nel popolo ad onta di tanti elementi di disgusti e di agitazione; una intiera sicurezza nel Governo, non ostante la opposizione dell' Europa e le minaccie della Francia e dell' Inghilterra, sono tali fatti che debbono indurre in errore anche i più avvisati politici. Ma chi vive in Napoli sa tutto quello che si nasconde sotto il velo delle ingannevoli apparenze, e qual lento lavorio di cangrena e di disorganizzazione rode la società ed il Governo.

Le leggi certamente son buone; ma che prò di una buona legislazione, quando la società civile è messa fuori della legge? quando invece di essere il palladio della sicurezza pubblica, è divenuta in mano di un potere arbitrario il mezzo di commettere impunemente qualunque sorta di attentato contro le persone e le proprietà? quando le leggi del regno di Napoli sono, come il banchetto di Tantalo nella favola, il mezzo cioè di accrescere le sofferenze della privazione, e gli orrori dell' arbitrio Governativo.

L'apparente tranquillità nel popolo non è certamente il segno della soddisfazione o della rasseguazione. Mezzo secolo di funesta esperienza ha sventuratamente associato nella mente di tutti l'idea di Governo con quella di oppressione; e gl' inani tentativi e i crudeli disinganni han fatto si che ai desiderii di miglioramenti sieno sottentrate delle vaghe tendenze alla distruzione.

Generalmente si vede il meglio ma non si spera; si sente la esistenza della razione ma non si crede al suo impero. La permanenza della contraddizione tra il dritto ed il fatto, tra le prescrizioni delle leggi e la pratica dell' amministrazione non poteva non produrre il suo effetto nell' ordine morale e nell' ordine legale; quindi diffidenza negli uomini e nelle cose, istinto d'illegalità nelle masse e nel Governo; ma diffidenza che preme, illegalità che minaccia.

Siffatte circostanze rendono la posizione del Regno de Napoli ben diversa da quella del resto d'Italia, e le condizioni dell' avvenire di esso sono da cercarsi in ben altre istituzioni.

Quando nel 1847, s'iniziava in Italia il movimento delle riforme, questa differenza di bisogni politici fu sentita e riconosciuta da tutti. Qual riforma poteva esser nuova pei Napolitani? I Francesi avevano compiuta in questa parte d'Italia una rivoluzione sociale e politica, ch' era sopravvissuta tutta intiera alla restaurazione de Borboni nel 1815. Diversamente che negli' altri paesi d'Italia i principii della Rivoluzione Francese vi si mantennero saldi, e seguitarono ad informarne la legislazione.

Quello che il Piemonte in questi ultimi tempi ha dovuto conquistare per mezzo del suo Parlamento ed a discapito delle sue buone relazioni con Roma, era già compiuto da 50 anni in Napoli. In Napoli non si conosceva più nè dritto di asilo, nè giurisdizione eccezionale per gli ecclesiastici; il matrimonio era regolato civilmente; gl'istituti di beneficenza secolarizzati, i monasteri soppressi, il Codice Napoleone divenuto legge del paese; in breve, tutte le riforme finanziere, giudiziarie, amministrative, erano state compiuto dal Governo decennale Francese, ed accetatte al meno in dritto da Borboni. Quindi è che il movimento di riforma del 1847, che esprimeva tendenze di progresso per tutto il resto d'Italia, non poteva esprimere pel Regno di Napoli che tendenze di conservazione e di garentie. Quel che altrove doveva conquistarsi e sanzionarsi in dritto, in Napoli doveva essere solo assicurato in fatto; le riforme esistevano, la pratica dell' amministrazione doveva solo uniformarirsi.

Dal 1815 sino al 1847 il Governo, impotente a distruggere ciò che la pubblica opinione riguardava con giusto orgoglio la sua migliore conquista politica creditata dalla dominazione Francese, si era non di meno applicato a guastare insensiblemente e falsare nell' applicazione quel sistema governativo, che aveva già prima accettato come legge dello Stato. L'arbitrio si era introdotto per tutt' i pori nella macchina dell' amministrazione; le istituzioni communali falsate, i Consigli provinciali ridotti ad una comedia, la contabilità sviata dai suoi principii, il Consiglio di Stato, complemento indispensabile di quell' ordinamento governativo, tramutato in una Consulta, senza attribuzioni certe e senza indipendenza; le leggi attraversati dai Decreti, i Decreti dai Referitti, i Referitti dalle Ministeriali, e le Ministeriali dall' arbitrio degl' impiegati che si sentivano più forti per favore o per intrighi; la eccezione aveva preso il luogo della legge, il favore della giustizia. Ecco qual' era la condizione di Napoli del 1847.

Mentre dunque in Italia si chiedevano riforme, nel Regno il sentimento delle riforme compiute ed inosservate doveva spingere a chiedere un sistema di garentie e d'istituzioni, mercè le quali le leggi del paese non fossero più una

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parola ma un fatto, non restassero più una memoria, ma divenissero una realtà. Non mai l'opinione pubblica era stata così unanime e così razionevole.

Ognun sa come il Re comprese la solenne e pacifica manifestazione del voto pubblico, e concesse e giurò la Costituzione del 10 Febbraio, 1848.

Il dritto pubblico dei Napolitani si trovò allora completo, le riforme anteriori assicurate, le istituzioni civili garentite dalle istituzione politiche, e la esecuzione delle leggi messa sotto la salvaguardia dell' interesse generale. Il solo che restava a farsi era di mettersi di buona fede all' opera, e tradurre le leggi nella pratica della vita: ma la calamità dei tempi e la malizia degli' uomini tanto non arrivò a consentire. Il paese dai vertici dell' anarchia fu travolto negli abissi del despotismo, e stretto gradatamente tra le spire di una reazione tanto più cieca quanto più irragionevole, ha scontato con le sofferenze di otto anni l'abbandono e la confidenza di un giorno. La società intiera è stata trattata come un paese di conquista: i Sassoni in Inghilterra non lo furono peggio nel duodecimo secolo. E tutto ciò senza un apparenza di dritto, senza un pretesto di fatto.

Si è detto dai teoristi della reazione che il popolo Napolitano avendo rotto il patto con insorgere nel 1848 contro il Rè, questo aveva il dritto di riprendere quello che aveva concesso. Errore e sofisma! Volendo pure ammettere che il Rè avesse avuto il dritto di togliere la costituzione, e perciò che gli competeva ancora il dritto di togliere le leggi ed il Governo, e d'interdire come si è fatto l'intiera nazione dall' uso dei più sacrosanti ed indispensabili dritti civili? D'altra parte per quanto si voglia far violenza al senso comune, non si può mai, parlando di disordini del 1848, confondere una mano di sciagurati con la grande maggioranza dei cittadini pacifici ed onesti. Oh l'ammirabile giustizia, in verità, quella di punire una intiera nazione pei folli di pochi individui o pazzi o sconsigliati!

Ma la verità storica fa pienamente giustizia di questi sofismi. Precisamente quando il Rè aveva più apparenza di dritto per togliere la Costituzione, allora sopratutto la confermava e la garentiva; nessun fatto posteriore è venuto ad autorizzare il preteso dritto di rappresaglia. Non è affatto da obbliare che quando la funesta collisione del 15 Maggio, 1848, punto culminante dell' anarchia, pose in migliori condizioni di forza il potere, il primo uso che il Rè fece della vittoria riportata, fu di assicurare la nazione ch' esso non ritoglierebbe mai una Costituzione che aveva solennemente giurata, e dalla quale sola si poteva attendere il consolidamento dell' ordini e della monarchia. Il proclama del 16 Maggio è scolpito nella memoria di tutti; in esso il Rè riconobbe che la rivoluzione era stata l'opera di pochi, che la opinione pubblica riprovava e condannava altamente. La lealtà e la moderazione di quel proclama aggiunse nuovi elementi di vita e di forza al Governo. In nome della Costituzione la ribellione fu vinta in Calabria, il poter regio rimesso in Sicilia, l'ordine pubblico in tutte le provincie del Regno; non solo si pagarono le imposte arretrate, ma si anticiparono ancora le non mature; non mai il potere si vide altrettanto secondato dalla nazione.

Quale fu la consequenza di questi felici risultamenti? Le istituzioni furono calunniate dopo di averne espetato il prestigio, la nazione punita dopo di averne usufruttuata la moderazione. La Costituzione del 10 Febbraio fu gittata a fascio con tutte le altre leggi del Regno, e l'arbitrio tornato trionfante al potere si è mostrato tanto più insolente in fatto, quanto si è sentito meno fondato in dritto. Lo stato innormale anteriore al 1847, si è aggravato di mille doppi dopo il 1848; le opinioni inoffensive perseguitate come le azioni innocenti, il sospetto divenuto criterio di Governo, le confische mezzo di prevenzione, la calunnia istrumento di vendetta, le forme giudiziose salvocondotto delle proscrizioni, ed i giuramenti e le promesse tranelli della reazione; il paese disorganizzato come il Governo, nessuna fide nell' uno, nessun principio nell' altro; il Re lontano dal centro e dalla direzione officiale degli affari; il Governo senza Ministero e senza responsabilità, i Dirittori che tengono luogo di Ministri senza confidenza e senza autorità, la politica interna ed esterna a ritroso degl' interessi morali e materiali della nazione. Ecco qual' è la condizione vera ma non verisimile del Regno di Napoli.

Uno stato di cose siffatto non può lungamente durare; tutto accenna che il paese si trova in un periodo di crisi e di transizione. Da una parte i Governi di Francia e d'Inghilterra par che vogliano interessarsi alle sorti del Regno di Napoli, almeno quanto a quelle della Turchia; dall' altra parte il popolo sta

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commosso ed ondeggiante tra gli stimoli del risentimento, e le ansie dell' aspettativa.

Ma qual' è la soluzione possibile di queste complicazioni? Dove cercar le condizioni dell' avvenire e del riposo di questa importante parte d'Italia?

La opinione pubblica e la ragione sono pienamente concordi; oggi come nel 1847 è quistione di garentie anziche di riforme. Ma se le condizioni di fatto della società civile e politica del Regno di Napoli sono infinitamente peggiorate dopo il 1847, le condizioni di dritto sono nulladimeno immensamente migliorate. La soluzione che allora bisognava attendere da una concessione o da una rivoluzione, adesso si rattrova tutta intiera nella più pura legalità.

La legge costituzionale del 10 Febbraio, 1848, sanzionata e giurata irrevocabilmente dal Rè, è passata già nel dritto pubblico del Regno, e forma il complemento e come la sanzione di tutto il sistema generale delle leggi. Si la Costituzione non si è attuata, ciò non prova già ch' essa più non esiste; essa esiste nella condizione di tutte le altre leggi della monarchia, nella condizione di dritto non in quella di fatto. L'arbitrio con l'appoggio della forza ha preso il luogo di tutte le leggi. La cessazione dell' arbitrio e l'attuazione di esse leggi—ecco il motto d'ordine di tutta la gente onesta che forma la grande maggioranza del Regno di Napoli. L'unica soluzione dunque sta nell' attuazione della Costituzione del 10 Febbraio, applicandone e modificandone i principii nelle varie leggi organiche di che va completata, secondo la necessità dei tempi e gl' insegnamente dell' esperienza; per essa le leggi tutte saranno un fatto, senza di esse tutte le promesse sono una menzogna. Il Conde di Clarendon disse nella seduta della Camera alta Inglese del 14 Luglio corrente, che il Governo Britannico aveva consigliato al Rè di Napoli una migliore amministrazione della giustizia, l'amnistia e la tolleranza delle opinioni inoffensive: e che ciò non dimeno la risposta del Governo Napolitano era stata tutt' altro che soddisfacente. Se qualunque altra prova mancasse, ciò solo basterebbe a dimostrare che il Governo di Napoli crede ottimo l'attuale sistema di amministrazione, e però intende persistervi tenacemente; e siccome quello che ha consigliato il Ministero Inglese è nello spirito e nella lettera delle leggi del Regno, il rifiuto del Governo di Napoli di accedere al consiglio, si traduce per parte sua nell' asserta risoluzione di restare nella illegalità e continuare nell' arbitrio.

Ma se pur s'inducesse a concedere quanto si è domandato, qual vantaggio ne risulterebbe al paese? Il Rè avrebbe l'apparenza di concedere quello che trovasi già stabilito dalle leggi; senza che perciò l'arbitrio venisse ad essere distrutto od infrenato. La migliore amministrazione della giustizia come potrebbe altrimenti essere assicurata più che con le attuali forme tutelari della pubblica discussione? La tolleranza delle opinioni come proteggerlo meglio di quel ch'è protetta dall' attuale sistema delle leggi penali? Ciò nondimeno l'Europa conosce qual sia l'amministrazione della giustizia e la tolleranza delle opinioni nel Regno di Napoli. Si crede forse che la ripetizione di una legge aggiunga forza ed efficacia alle sue prescrizioni? Ma chi ne assicura la esecuzione? La Francia e l'Inghilterra si costituiranno esse mai con la permanenza delle loro flotte nel Golfo di Napoli, come i campioni della legalità e del buon governo?

Non bisogna obbliare che nel Regno delle Due Sicilie non si crede più a niente, nè agli uomini nè alle cose, nè à giuramenti nè alle leggi. La diffidenza è entrata in tutti gli animi, in tutte le classi, in tutte le età. Cinquant' anni di oppressioni e di disinganni han fatto perdere la fede nella giustizia e nella virtù. Per guarire questi mali, che alle miserie della vita civile e politica aggiungono le aridità dello scetticismo e paralizzano ogni principio di espansione e di progresso; il solo ed unico mezzo e quello di puntellare il Governo dello Stato con istituzioni che alla mancanza di confidenza suppliscano con l'appoggio della razione. Il popolo sospetta della buona fede e lealtà del legislatore? E bene: fate ch' esso stesso lo nomini. Dubita nella regolarità dell' amministrazione? fate che ne fissi direttamente o indirettamente le norme. Accusa di gravezza le imposte? fate che le consenta e le discuta. In una parola il sospetto non si guarisse che con la pubblicità, il dubbio con la discussione, la diffidenza con la ragione. Il regime costituzionale è il solo che convenza in simili circostanze; per Napoli esso è non solo una necessità, ma per buona ventura è ancora una legalità.

Ma il regime costituzionale è mai attuabile in Napoli? Certamente se v' ha ostacolo che vi si oppone, questo non viene ne può venire dal paese; da una parte il saggio fattane nel 1848 e 1849, non fu nè intiero nè di buono fede; perocchè que' tempi furono giorni di anarchia per gli uni, di perfidia per gli

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altri, di passioni e di agitazioni per tutte; dall' altra parte la riuscita di un tal regime nel Piemonte indica ad evidenza quanto più facilmente esso allignerebbe in questa parte d'Italia, che sta più innanzi di tutte sulla via dell' esperienza e del progresso civile, e non trovasi, come il Piemonte, nelle gravi difficoltà di politica interna ed esterna, che solo la sapienza e lealtà di quel Governo ha potuto finora scongiurare.

Il solo, non bisogna sconoscerlo, il positivo ostacolo all' attuazione della Costituzione in Napoli, sta in regioni a cui, nello stato normale delle cose, la sola forza della diplomazia può arrivare, e che il solo interesse Europeo può vincere senza rivoluzione. Se questo ostacolo sparisce, se, conformemente alla pubblica necessità, la Costituzione del 10 Febbraio, e per essa le leggi tutte del Regno, arriveranno ad attuarsi, forse potrà avvenire che la nazione riesca un giorno a mettersi sulla via della giustizia e del progresso; ma per certo senza le garentie costituzionali non v' ha speranza nè di giustizia nè de riposo; le leggi resteranno una menzogna, e il solo avvenire che si presenta al paese è un abisso di despotismo e di rivoluzioni.

Le grandi Potenze Europee non possono essere certamente indifferenti ad uno stato di cose ch' è gravido di cosiffatto avvenire; le rivoluzioni del Regno porteranno probabilmente guerra in Italia, e complicazioni in Europa, ed è perciò che l'interesse della pace generale esige che l'impero delle leggi sia restaurato in Napoli, e gli ostacoli che vi si oppongano rimossi arditamente. Ecco come si rende sensibile la verità del gran principio che Lord Clarendon proclamò nelle Conferenze di Parigi,—Non vi è pace senza giustizia; e che la diplomazia delle Potenze Occidentali par voglia prendere a norma per tutelare l'edifizio appena abbozzato della pace. E da sperare che l'amore della pace vera e durabile prevarrà tanto nella politica della Francia e dell' Inghilterra, da non far loro obbliare la causa della giustizia in Europa, e da non farle esitare nemmeno un istante innanzi ogli scrupoli di un preteso dritto, il dritto di non intervenzione, di cui si pretende ora di fare il baluardo della barbarie e della tirannia; la Santa Alleanza non si è arrestata mai innanzi a scrupoli cosiffatti.

La potenza della Francia e dell' Inghilterra è divenuta incontrastabilmente preponderante in Europe; la potenza marittima dell' Inghilterra la rende specialmente preponderante sul Regno di Napoli; ora ogni potere porta sero responsabilità, ed ogni responsabilità dritto di azione.

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IN the life of man, as in that of nations, there exist facts perfectly true, which scarcely bear the appearance of truth. For example, whoever undertakes to speak the truth concerning the affairs of Naples, runs the risk of not being credited by those who are ignorant of the civil and political conditions of that kingdom. A code of laws both wise and liberal—among the best, perhaps, in Europe; a normal state of tranquillity among the people, in spite of the many existing causes of discontent and agitation; perfect security and indifference on the part of the Government, in spite of the opposition of the greater portion of Europe, and of the threats of England and France; are certainly facts which must go far to deceive the ablest politicians.

But he who resides within the Neapolitan kingdom, and is a daily witness of the transactions of its civil and political existence, sees through all that lies concealed beneath this veil of deceitful appearances, and distinguishes the canker-worm of disorganization slowly gnawing the vitals of society and of Government.

Doubtless the Neapolitan laws are excellent, but of what avail is a good system of legislation when the community it should protect and regulate is arbitrarily thrust from beneath its authority; when, instead of being the palladium of the public safety, the law has become, in the hands of an arbitrary Administration, the means of inflicting with impunity every species of wrong and cruelty on persons and property; when the laws of the Kingdom of Naples, like the fabled feast of Tantalus, serve only to increase the sufferings of privation and the horrors of arbitrary rule?

The tranquillity apparently existing among the people is certainly no sign either of contentment or of resignation. Half a century of fatal experience has unfortunately associated, in the minds of most Neapolitans, the idea of govern-

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ment with that of oppression; and the failure of their various efforts to rid themselves of it, and the cruel deceptions which invariably followed, ended by converting their longing after amelioration into vague tendencies of destruction, which the fear of worse has now reduced to a state of apathy and prostration.

Amelioration still floats before their minds, but the hope of obtaining it has vanished from every heart. The existence of reason is still felt, but its empire is no longer believed in. The constant contradiction existing at Naples between Right and Fact, between the prescriptions of the law and the practices of the Administration, could not fail to produce its effect upon the moral and the legal orders. Thence a general feeling of distrust in men and things; an instinct of illegality throughout the multitude, as well as in the Government: the former smouldering and chafing, the latter suspicious and threatening.

These circumstances render the situation of affairs in Naples widely different from that of the other Italian States, and the conditions of its futurity are, therefore, to be sought for in far different institutions.

When, in 1847, the reform movement was commencing, this difference in the political exigencies of the kingdom was felt and acknowledged by all.

What reforms could be mentioned which were new to the Neapolitans?

The French had accomplished a civil and political revolution in this part of the Peninsula which had survived the restoration of the Bourbons in 1815. Unlike the other Italian States, in the Kingdom of Naples the principles of the French revolution maintained themselves intact, and continued to pervade the legislation of the country.

What Piedmont has lately been under the necessity of conquering by means of its Parliament, and at the expense of its amicable relations with the Court of Rome, Naples accomplished fifty years ago.

In the Kingdom of Naples the right of asylum, and all exceptional jurisdiction in favour of ecclesiastics, had disappeared; marriages were regulated by the civil law; charitable institutions were secularized; monasteries suppressed; the Napoleonic Code had become the law of the State; in short, all financial, judicial, and administrative reforms had been effected during the French decennial Government, and were, formally at least, accepted by the returning Bourbons.

Thus it was that the reform movement of 1847, which expressed a tendency towards progress in the rest of Italy, could, in the Kingdom of Naples, only express a tendency towards consolidation and guarantees. What elsewhere had yet to be obtained and sanctioned by Law, in Naples had only to be secured in Fact. The reforms existed; the practice of the Administration had only to be placed in conformity with them.

From the year 1815 until the year 1847, the Neapolitan Government, powerless to annul what public opinion regarded with just pride as the most valuable political heirloom of the French domination, had, nevertheless, unremittingly applied itself to vitiate and falsify, in its application, the system it had, in the first instance, accepted as the law of the State.

Absolutism had crept into the administrative machine at every pore. The communal institutions were falsified; the Provincial Councils reduced to a mere farce; the administration of the finances diverted from the principles on which it had hitherto been conducted; the Council of State, an indispensable corollary of the established system, transformed into a "Consulta," without specific attributions or independence; the laws rescinded or obstructed by decrees; the decrees by rescripts; rescripts by Ministerial orders, and the Ministerial orders by the arbitrary will of the *employés*, according to the amount of power individually derived from favour or intrigue. Exception had usurped the place of law, and favour that of justice.

Such was the condition of Naples in the year 1847. Consequently, while reforms were loudly demanded in other parts of Italy, in the Kingdom of Naples the consciousness of those already possessed by law, but annulled by the practice of the law, became the incentive to obtain guarantees and institutions capable of rendering the laws of the country no longer a word, but a fact; no longer a a recollection merely, but a living reality.

Never was public opinion in any country so thoroughly unanimous and reasonable.

Everybody is aware how the King received the solemn and peaceable manifestation of the public will, and how he granted and swore to the Constitu-

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tion of the 10th February, 1848. At that moment the public law of the Neapolitans was complete; the anterior reforms secured; the civil institutions guaranteed by the political ones; and the execution of the laws placed under the safeguard of the general interest. The only thing which still remained to accomplish was to set to work in good faith and conform the laws to the practice of civil life. But the calamities of the times and the malice of men never allowed this object to be attained.

From the vortex of anarchy the country fell into the abyss of despotism; and gradually entwined within the folds of a reaction as blind as it was unreasonable, it has paid with eight years of suffering and misery the trust and confidence of a day. The community has been treated like a conquered country. The Saxons in England did not fare worse at the hands of the Normans in the twelfth century: and this treatment was inflicted without the semblance of a right, or the pretext of a fact. The theoretical partisans of the reaction maintained that the Neapolitans, having broken the compact by their insurrection of the 15th May, 1848, against the King, the latter had a right to withdraw the Constitution which he had granted. A sophism more unjust and false can scarcely be conceived.

Allowing, for the sake of argument, that the King had a right to withdraw the Constitution, on what ground could he assume a right to wipe away the laws, abolish the Government, and deprive the entire nation, as he did, of the enjoyment of the most sacred and indispensable civil rights? On the other hand, however grossly it may please some people to violate common sense, it is impossible, in speaking of the tumults of 1848, to confound a handful of misguided wretches and foreign revolutionary emissaries with the immense majority of the peaceable and honest citizens who opposed them. Admirable justice indeed! to punish a whole nation for the folly of a few individuals, urged on by their own rashness and the evil example of others.

But historical truth does ample justice to these sophisms.

Precisely at the time when (according to this argument) the King had the greatest right to abolish the Constitution, he chose to confirm and guarantee its existence. Since that period no subsequent event whatever has arisen to afford a plea in favour of a right of reprisal. It must not be forgotten that, when the fatal collision of the 15th May, 1848—the culminating point of anarchy—had placed the Supreme Power in more favourable conditions, the first use which the King made of his victory was to assure the nation that he would never withdraw a Constitution to which he had solemnly sworn, and from which the restoration of order and the consolidation of the monarchy were to be obtained.

The Proclamation of the 16th of May, 1848, lives in the memory of every Neapolitan; in it the King acknowledged that the revolution had been the act of a few whom public opinion solemnly reproved and condemned.

The loyalty and moderation of that Proclamation added fresh elements of life and strength to the Government.

The rebellion in Calabria was subdued, the Regal Power in Sicily restored, and public order throughout the provinces was reestablished in the name of the Constitution: while not only were all the taxes in arrear paid up, but the contribution of those not yet due, was anticipated.

Never had any Government been so warmly supported and seconded by the nation.

What was the result of all these favourable circumstances?

No sooner had the Government reaped the benefit of the prestige which the new institutions carried with them, than these institutions became the object of unmitigated calumny, and the nation was punished as soon as its moderation had been turned to account.

The Constitution of the 10th of February was cast into the same heap, and tied up in the same bundle with all the other discarded and unobserved laws of the Kingdom, and arbitrary power, triumphantly reinstated, displayed itself so much the more insolent, overbearing, and unjust, in fact, as it felt itself less founded in right.

The abnormal state which existed previously to 1847 increased tenfold after 1848.

Opinions were persecuted as acts; suspicion became the guiding rule of Government; confiscation the means of prevention; calumny the instrument of

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revenge; judicial forms the cloak to proscriptions; oaths and promises the tricky machinery of reaction.

The country is disorganized as well, and in the same proportion, as the Government; a total absence of confidence exists in the one, and of principle in the other; the Sovereign removed from the centre and direction of affairs; the Government without a Ministry and without responsibility; "Directors," who hold the place of Ministers, without confidence or authority; and, lastly, the internal and external policy of the country carried on in direct opposition to the moral and material interests of the nation.

This is the truth, though not to be credited, with regard to the actual condition of the Kingdom of Naples.

It is not to be supposed that such a state of things can last. It is evident that the country has arrived at a moment of transition, and that a crisis is at hand.

On the one side, the Governments of England and France appear inclined to interest themselves in the fate of the Kingdom of Naples, at least as much as in that of the Turkish Empire; on the other, the Neapolitan people, hesitating between hope and resentment, stand trembling with excitement and anxiety.

But what is the practical solution of such a complicated state of things? Where are the elements of the future existence and repose of this important portion of Italy to be found?

Reason and public opinion are fully agreed on this point.

Now, as in 1847, it is a question of guarantees, not of reforms.

If the civil and political conditions of society in the Kingdom of Naples have grown *de facto* infinitely worse since 1847, *de jure* they have considerably bettered.

The solution which at that period was to be sought for in concessions or in a revolution, now exists in all the plenitude and force of the strictest legality.

The Constitution of the 10th of February, 1848, sanctioned and irrevocably sworn to by the King, has passed into the public law of the Kingdom, and forms the complement, and, as it were, the sanction, of the entire system of the Neapolitan Laws in general.

The fact of the Constitution not being actually in vigour is no argument or proof of its being no longer in existence.

It exists in the same condition as all the other laws of the monarchy—*de jure* though not *de facto*.

Arbitrary power, supported by military force, has usurped the place of all the laws.

"The cessation of arbitrary power and the execution of the law;" such is the motto of the honest and enlightened portion of the people in the Kingdom of Naples, and that portion includes the great mass of its inhabitants.

The only solution, therefore, of the question is to be found in the exercise of the Constitution of February 10, 1848, and the application and modification of its principles to the various organic laws which it requires,* according to the spirit of the times, the conditions of the country, and the lessons of experience.

By means of the Constitution, the laws will become a fact; without it, all promises, all concessions, are fallacious and vain.

Lord Clarendon declared in the House of Lords, on the 14th of July last, that the British Government had recommended to the King of Naples a better administration of justice, an amnesty, and the toleration of inoffensive opinions; and that, nevertheless, nothing could be less satisfactory than the answer of the Neapolitan Government.

If any further proof were wanting, this alone would be sufficient to show that the Neapolitan Government considers its actual system of administration as perfect, and, consequently, that it intends tenaciously to adhere to it.

Moreover, as the recommendations of the British Government virtually exist in the spirit and letter of the laws of the kingdom, the refusal of the Neapolitan Government to accede to them may be considered as a manifest determination to persist in its illegal and arbitrary system.

But allowing that what has been specified above, as the recommendations of the British to the Neapolitan Government, were granted, of what advantage would it be to this country?

* Those which it contains, namely, that of the Press, National Guard, and the Electoral Law, being only provisional.

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The King would have the appearance of bestowing what is already established by law, without its putting an end to, or even curbing, the exercise of his arbitrary will and power.

Can, then, the administration of justice in this country be secured by any other means than by the exercise of the tutelary forms of public discussion?

How would the toleration of opinions, for instance, be secured more effectually than by the present Neapolitan Penal Code? Yet all Europe is cognizant of the species of administration of justice, and toleration of opinions, which prevail in the Kingdom of Naples.

Is it to be supposed that the repetition of a Law would add force and efficacy to its prescriptions?

What Power would guarantee its execution?

It is not to be supposed that Great Britain and France would constitute themselves the champions of the good and legal government of the Kingdom of Naples by the presence of a permanent squadron of both nations in the Bay of Naples.

It must be borne in mind, that the Neapolitan population is no longer capable of faith in men or things, in oaths or in the laws: distrust pervades all minds, all classes, all ages. Fifty years of oppression and delusion have destroyed all belief in justice and virtue.

The sole remedy to these evils, which, to the miseries of civil and political life, add the desolating influence of scepticism, and which paralyse every principle of development and every element of progress, is to prop up the State by institutions which supply the place of confidence by the support of reason.

The people suspect the good faith and probity of the legislator—let the people themselves appoint him.

They place no trust in the regularity of the administration—let them directly or indirectly lay down the principles which are to be its guide.

They complain of the exorbitancy of the taxes—let them grant and discuss their imposition.

Suspicion is only cured by publicity; doubt by discussion; and distrust by reason.

The representative system is the only appropriate system in similar circumstances; and as regards Naples that system is not only a necessity, but happily, at the same time, it is an act of legality.

Is, however, the representative system capable of existence in the Kingdom of Naples?

Doubtless, if there is an obstacle to be found to its existence in Naples, it does not, and cannot, spring from the country itself. The trial made in 1848 and 1849 was neither complete nor accomplished in good faith. Those were days of anarchy and perfidy; not of calm and reason.

On the other hand, the success attending that form of government in Piedmont is a fair criterion of the greater facility likely to accompany its establishment in this part of Italy, which is more advanced in the path of experience and civil progress.

It is useless to disguise the fact—the sole positive obstacle to the realisation of the Constitution in Naples resides in regions which, in the normal state of things, the influence of diplomacy alone can reach, and the interests of Europe conquer without a revolution.

If this obstacle were removed, if, in accordance with the public necessity, the Constitution of the 10th February, and through it, all the laws of the Kingdom, were brought into operation, the nation would have a chance of one day entering on the path of justice and progress; but without Constitutional guarantees there is no hope either of justice or repose. The laws will continue a falsehood, and the only future prospect remaining for this unhappy land is an unfathomable abyss of despotism and revolution.

The Great European Powers cannot certainly be indifferent to a state of things pregnant with a futurity of so frightful a nature; the revolutions of the kingdom will in all probability give rise to wars in Italy and complications in Europe; the interests of the general peace therefore demand the restoration of the empire of the law in Naples, and the resolute and unflinching removal of the obstacles which oppose it.

By no other means can the truth of the great principle be verified, which the Earl of Clarendon proclaimed at the Paris Congress—"There can be no

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peace without justice:" a principle which the diplomacy of the Western Powers appear desirous of adopting as the tutelary bulwark of the edifice of Peace, and of which, without it, they will but have traced a meagre outline.

It is to be hoped that the love of a real and durable peace will so far prevail over the policy of England and France, as not to allow them to forget the cause of justice in Europe, or hesitate an instant before the scruples of a pretended right—the right of non-intervention—out of which it is still hoped to excavate the materials which may serve to reconstruct the stronghold of tyranny and barbarism.

When did the Holy Alliance pause for a moment before such scruples?

The power of England and France has unquestionably become predominant in Europe. The naval power of England renders her more especially predominant in the Kingdom of Naples.

Power carries with it responsibility—responsibility the right of action.

No. 19.

Mr. Petre to the Earl of Clarendon.—(*Received August* 18.)

My Lord, *Naples, August* 11, 1856.

THE King of Naples arrived here a few days ago from Ischia, and proceeded immediately to Castellamare, where His Majesty has taken up his temporary residence.

The Royal clemency has been recently extended to a few persons condemned for political offences, but their numerical and personal insignificance divests this act of anything partaking of the character of an amnesty, nor has it, as far as I am aware, attracted any attention.

I have, &c.

(Signed) G. G. PETRE.

No. 20.

Mr. Petre to the Earl of Clorendon.—(*Received September* 8.)

(Extract.) *Naples, September* 1, 1856.

I HAVE received information, and I can vouch for its substantial accuracy, that an order, emanating from the Ministry of Finance and dated the 11th of June last, was received by the Department specially charged with such matters, to admit of no compromise in the payment of the costs of trial by political offenders. A second order was received by the same Department on the 10th of July, to exact rigidly from M. Poerio, and those who were condemned with him in 1852, the payment of all the sums claimed by Government as the costs of their trial.

In pursuance of these orders, a sequestration has been put upon the remnant of M. Poerio's property at Catanzaro, for the sum of 1,137 ducats.

To make the case more clear, I should state to your Lordship that M. Poerio and his fellow-prisoners were condemned, in accordance with the law of Naples, to pay the costs of their trial, but this part of the sentence is never, or only partially at least, exacted, and a compromise on the subject is invariably admitted by the Government. In the case of M. Poerio, from the year of his trial to the present time, the question has remained in abeyance, and it is only now that the full rigour of the law is to be brought to bear against him. I perhaps use the word "law" unadvisedly, for I am given to understand that the proceedings of the Government are illegal, and on this account—the "law" may exact from any one single prisoner the payment of the whole expenses of a general trial, but if this sum is paid by any one prisoner, the others are absolved from further liability. In the present instance, sequestration for the whole amount of costs has been placed on the goods of four of the prisoners.

A reference to dates will at once show your Lordship that at the very

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time when the Great Powers of Europe were inculcating leniency, this Government was secretly acting in direct defiance of the spirit of their remonstrances.

Apart from the palpable impolicy of such a proceeding, and at such a time, it cannot but be stigmatised as an act of needless and vindictive severity, unhappily illustrative of that *odium in longum jacens* with which the governing power of this country seems to be imbued towards its political victims, and which neither their sufferings can soften, nor time assuage.

No. 21.

Mr. Petre to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received September 8.)

(Extract.) *Naples, September* 1, 1856.

I HAVE the honour to inclose the copy and translation of a note, dated the 28th ultimo, which has been addressed to me by M. Carafa.

This note is evidently, I may say avowedly, written with a view to soften the asperity, and to mitigate the unfavourable effect, of the reply already made by the Neapolitan Government to the representations of England and France. Divesting it, however, of the amenities of language with which it abounds, I can gather from it no indication of a change in the King's opinions or in his tactics. From all I hear and see, on the contrary, I believe that His Majesty's resolution, grafted as it is upon the conviction that he is amenable for his actions to no human power, remains unshaken, and that the policy which has so long overshadowed this portion of Italy, is as fixed as ever.

Baron Brennier informs me that he received on the 27th ultimo, and transmitted to his Government, a note identical in substance with the one addressed to myself.

Inclosure in No. 21.

M. Carafa to Mr. Petre.

Napoli, 28 *Agosto,* 1856.

DA rapporti pervenuti da Parigi e da Vienna è giunto a notizia di Sua Maestà il Rè, augusto Signore del Sottoscritto, &c., la dispiacevole impressione prodotta nel Gabinetto de Sua Maestà Britannica dalla risposta che il Governo delle Due Sicilie ha data alle communicazioni fatte quì in Napoli per mezzo del Signor de Brennier e di sua Eccellenza il Cavalier Temple, già Inviato Straordinario e Ministro Plenipotenziario di Sua Maestà la Regina Vittoria presso questo Real Corte, risposta indirizzata al Principe di Carini e da costui per ordine ricevutone communicata a sua Eccellenza il Conte di Clarendon, siccome dal Marchese Antonini è stata egualmente communicata al Conte Walewski.

Non è mai sorto in mente al Governo del Rè di accagionare quello di Sua Maestà Britannica, nella risposta in parola che porta la data del 30 Giugno ultimo, di inclinazioni che non fossero consentance a quelle garenzie che non ha cessato di dare in tante circostanze all' Europa; e se una diversa interpretazione ha potuto darsi dal Governo Britannico ai sensi espressi nella citata risposta, non può il Governo del Rè che risentirne vivissimo dispiacere.

Il Gabinetto Inglese, del pari che quello di Napoli e di ogni altro Stato, non può amare le rivoluzioni; e su questo punto l'accordo è perfetto, quantunque si possa differire sull' adozione dei mezzi atti a prevenirle.

Il Real Governo ha riconosciuto nei consigli dati dall' Inghilterra una pruova della sua premura per la tranquillità di Europa, che potrebbe venir compromessa da perturbazioni in Italia, non che un novello attestato della interesse che Sua Maestà la Regina della Gran Brettagna ha certamente voluto esternare al Rè di Napoli, ma sulla efficacia delle misure da pren-

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dersi, e sul' opportunità di esse per conservare la tranquillità pubblica ne[i] Regi Stati, non era al certo troppo presumere che la scelta e l'applicazione di tali mezzi era esclusivamente riserbata al Rè, giudice il più indipendente ed illuminato delle condizioni di Governo che convengono al suo Regno.

Nè su di ciò puo esistere il menomo dissentimento di opinione, dappoichè le stesse Grandi Potenze hanno proclamato questo principio.

E qui non è inutile rammentare che il Regno di Napoli e stato il primo a ristabilire la tranquillità nei suoi Stati alterata dai luttuosi avvenimenti trascorsi senza estero soccorso e mercè l'operosità del Governo del Re.

I consigli delle Potenze amiche saran sempre ricevuti con riconoscenza, ma esse comprenderanno di leggieri non potersi indifferentemente applicare ad uno Stato ciò che conviene ad un altro, fa d'uopo quindi aver piena fiducia nella saggezza del Rè, che deve meglio che ogno altro conoscere le circostanze dei propri Stati e l'opportunità delle misure governative da adottarsi in vantaggio dei suoi popoli. Una tale indispensabile libertà di azione deve essere certamente ammessa e riconosciuta dal Gabinetto Britannico.

Il Governo delle Due Sicilie desidera vivamente di vedere dissipata ogni ombra d'impressione dispiacevole che abbia potuto produrre nel Governo Inglese la risposta communicata dal Principe di Carini. Esso mette il maggiore interesse non solo a conservare col Governo di Sua Maestà la Regina Vittoria i rapporti della più cordiale e sincera intelligenza, ma benanchè a sempre più restringere i vincoli di leale amicizia felicemente esistenti fra le due Corti, le quali non possono che essere perfettamente di accordo nel camminare unite verso il nobile scopo dell' ordine e della tranquillità nei loro propri Stati, tenendosi ognora nelle più amichevole communicazioni per tutto ciò che puo riferirsi a si interessante oggetto.

Il Sottoscritto, nel fare questa partecipazione al Signor Petre, &c., profitta, &c.

(Firmato) CARAFA.

(Translation.)

Naples, August 28, 1856.

HIS Majesty the King, the august Sovereign of the Undersigned, charged with the Portfolio of Foreign Affairs, has been apprized, by reports received from Vienna and Paris, of the unfavourable impression produced upon the Cabinet of Her Britannic Majesty by the reply of the Government of the Two Sicilies to the communications made to it in Naples through Baron Brennier and Sir William Temple, late Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at this Court, which reply was addressed to Prince Carini, and, in pursuance of instructions, communicated by him to his Excellency the Earl of Clarendon, a similar communication having been made by the Marquis Antonini to Count Walewski.

It never entered the thoughts of His Majesty's Government, in the reply in question dated the 30th of June last, to attribute to the Government of Her Britannic Majesty tendencies at variance with those guarantees which they have invariably and under so many different circumstances given to Europe; and if the terms of the above-mentioned reply have been thought by the British Government to bear a different interpretation, the Government of His Majesty cannot but feel the liveliest regret at the circumstance.

The English Cabinet, like that of Naples and of every other State, can have no love of revolutions; and on this point the most perfect harmony prevails, whatever disagreement there may be as to the adoption of preventive measures. The King's Government recognized in the counsels of England a proof of her anxiety to preserve the peace of Europe, liable to be compromised by disorders in Italy, as well as a fresh assurance of the interest which Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain undoubtedly wished to manifest towards the King of Naples; but with respect to the efficacy of the measures to be adopted, and of their aptitude

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for preserving the public tranquillity in the Royal dominions, it was not, certainly, too much to presume that the choice and application of those measures should be left exclusively to the King, as the most independent and enlightened judge of the conditions of government suited to his kingdom.

Nor can any difference of opinion exist with regard to this point, as the great Powers have themselves laid down this principle.

It is well to bear in mind that the Kingdom of Naples was the first to re-establish, through its States, without foreign aid, and thanks to the activity of the King's Government, that tranquillity which the sad events of the past had affected.

The advice of friendly Powers will always be received with gratitude; but they will easily comprehend that what suits one State may not be equally applicable to another, and that, therefore, it is essential to place full reliance on the good sense ("saggezza") of the King, who must be better acquainted than any one else with the circumstances of his own States, and with the aptitude of the administrative measures to be adopted in the interests of his people.

The Government of the Two Sicilies earnestly desires to dispel every shadow of the unfavourable impression that may have been produced on the English Government by the reply communicated through Prince Carini. It feels the deepest interest not only in preserving relations with the Government of Her Majesty Queen Victoria on a footing of the utmost cordiality and sincerity, but likewise in drawing closer the bonds of amity that happily subsist between the two Courts; following the same path in pursuit of the exalted object they have in view—the preservation of order and of the internal tranquillity of their States—and continuing to interchange the most friendly communications with regard to everything that has reference to an object of so much interest, the most perfect unanimity cannot fail to prevail between them.

In making this communication to Mr. Petre, Her Britannic Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires, the Undersigned avails, &c.

(Signed) CARAFA.

No. 22.

Mr. Petre to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received September 16.)

(Extract.) *Naples, September* 9, 1856.

AFTER an interruption of more than two months, the political trials were resumed on the 6th instant at the Grand Criminal Court.

As I was present at the sitting, it may not be uninteresting to your Lordship if I give a brief account of it.

The proceedings opened, indeed the whole duration of the sitting was almost exclusively occupied with the examination of Captain Acuti, Commandant of the Galley Slave Prison of Procida. His testimony was called for by the defence for the purpose of establishing the almost physical impossibility, or at all events the extreme improbability, of any secret or illicit correspondence having been carried on between the political prisoners confined in that bagno, and their friends without.

This charge, I must remind your Lordship, forms a main feature in the bill of indictment against some of the accused.

The evidence of the Commandant, as he detailed the measures of severity and precaution used by him in fulfilment of his dismal trust, appeared to me strongly to bear out the improbability of their having been eluded, unweakened as that improbability is by anything like proof to the contrary.

In the course of his evidence the Commandant stated, that when he first assumed the control of the bagno in 1854, he found that numbers of the prisoners, by giving money to the gaolers, had obtained the privilege of taking off their irons; that he had reported this breach of discipline to his Commanding Officer, and had added a request that the officers of the prison might be removed, as he had no confidence in their probity. This

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request was declined on the somewhat philosophical ground that venality was inseparable from the class of men of whom the Commandant complained, and that therefore their being replaced by others would leave the evil untouched.

With respect to the prisoners, however, he was instructed by "special order" of the King to administer fifty strokes to any one of them found without his irons, an order which the Commandant, on a later occasion, appears, upon his own showing, to have carried out with scrupulous exactitude on fifty-four of the prisoners.

I observed that the President of the Court in repeating, as is the practice, to the writer of the minutes the answers of the witness, omitted the King's name in connection with this wholesale castigation; but the witness himself, evidently quite unconscious of the damaging effect of his words, reiterated the statement that he had acted in pursuance of a direct order from His Majesty.

If proof were wanting, this incident would show how the minutest threads of government are held in the Palace: it suggests, too, the painful reflection, that the name of Royalty, no longer associated with the bright prerogative of Mercy, is soiled by contact with the loathsome details of the punishment of convicts.

At the conclusion of Captain Acuti's examination, one of the advocates for the defence rose, and stated to the Court that it had come to his knowledge that two persons whom Pierro had alluded to in his denunciation as having been in communication with Mignogna, were at the time mentioned and are actually in prison, and that consequently Pierro was convicted of mendacity. The advocate submitted to the Court, in the interests of justice, the propriety of having these two witnesses examined.

The Attorney-General opposed the application on technical grounds, that the proper time had gone by for making it ("fuori termine"). He added, moreover, that as the fact which had just been stated by the counsel must have been known long ago, the present application could only be looked upon as an attempt to procrastinate the trial.

The Court, after a short deliberation, rejected the application on the technical plea urged by the Attorney-General. A contrary decision would in all probability have had but little effect on the result of the trial.

The antecedents of Piero, on whose testimony the present indictment was framed, are of so vile a nature as to render his testimony utterly valueless, apart from the palpable contradictions in which his affidavits are involved. How can it be expected that the stream of justice, thus polluted at its source, should flow undefiled!

The Court adjourned to the 15th instant, on which day the pleadings will commence with the speech of the Attorney-General.

No. 23.

Mr. Petre to the Earl of Clarendon.—(*Received September* 20.)

(Extract.) *Naples, September* 15, 1856.

THE political trials, which had been adjourned, as I informed your Lordship in my despatch of the 9th instant, were resumed this morning.

The sitting, though brief, was not devoid of interest. The Attorney-General rose and said, that before making his statement, he wished to advert to the evidence given at the previous sitting of the Court by Captain Acuti, who, as your Lordship may recollect, stated that he had inflicted fifty strokes upon fifty-four of the prisoners of Procida, in pursuance of an order from the King. The Attorney-General characterized Captain Acuti's assertion, originating, he said, either in ignorance or malice, as calumnious and false, and stated that it was in his power to refute it by official documents.

These documents were then read; they consisted, if I understood rightly, of letters from the Minister of Public Works, under whose control

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the prisoners are placed, and from the superior officer of the Bagno of Procida. They went to prove that the order in question had emanated from the Minister alone, and on his sole responsibility, although, according to established usage, it was issued in the name of the Sovereign. With respect to the punishment itself, the Criminal Law authorized the infliction of forty strokes upon any prisoner found without his irons, with the additional pain of "puntale" (that of being chained to a ring in the floor), besides a prolongation of the term of imprisonment. In this instance the authorities had dispensed with the two latter punishments, and had balanced the account by inflicting ten more strokes than the law allowed.

The Attorney-General, after protesting in energetic language against the malevolent interpretation to which Captain Acuti's evidence lent itself, called upon the Court to re-examine that officer.

The Court, after a short deliberation, decided that he should be examined again to-morrow, and the sitting was in consequence adjourned.

Although it is but natural that the Attorney-General should endeavour to dissipate the impression—erroneous, as I am anxious to believe—produced by Captain Acuti's evidence, yet the whole time of the Court to-day was taken up with proceedings entirely episodical to the main trial. Any one who had entered the Court for the first time might have supposed that, instead of Mignogna and his associates, a far more august personage was on his trial.

No. 24.

Mr. Petre to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received September 22.)

(Extract.) *Naples, September* 14, 1856.

I HAVE abstained from entering upon the question at issue with the Neapolitan Minister for Foreign Affairs, feeling, as I do, that the views of Her Majesty's Government need no further elucidation from me, and knowing that any arguments or representations of mine can carry with them no personal weight.

I trust, however, that your Lordship will not think me presumptuous if I state my conviction, that a mere superficial modification of the existing system—the pardon, grudgingly granted, of a certain number of political prisoners—will be but coldly received by the Neapolitan people, and will fail to ensure future tranquillity. I am far from wishing to imply that, because much cannot be effected, the power of producing a little good should be dispensed with, but it may be of importance that its results should be duly estimated. Unless the whole spirit of government be sensibly modified, unless some portion, at least, of political liberty be meted out, and justice in future be administered with a pure and impartial hand, it is to be feared that the deeply seated evils which have hitherto stunted the moral growth and checked the material prosperity of this country will continue to fester below the surface, the seeds of discontent and rebellion will grow and ripen in a luxuriant soil, and Southern Italy, so rich in the bounties of nature and in the intelligence of her people, will remain, what she now is, a political eyesore to Europe.

No. 25.

The Earl of Clarendon to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

My Lords, *Foreign Office, October* 10, 1856.

I HAVE the honour to inclose, for your Lordships' information, copies of a despatch which I addressed to Her Majesty's Minister at Naples, on the 19th of May last, and of a despatch from the Neapolitan Minister for Foreign Affairs to the Neapolitan Minister in this country,

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dated the 30th of June, which was communicated to me by the latter on the 9th of July last; and a copy of a note addressed by the Neapolitan Minister for Foreign Affairs to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Naples on the 28th of August.*

These papers will show your Lordships what has hitherto passed between Her Majesty's Government and that of Naples with reference to the course pursued in Naples towards persons charged with political offences; and I have now the honour to inclose a copy of a further instruction to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Naples,† directing him to announce to the Neapolitan Government the intention of that of Her Majesty to break off diplomatic relations with Naples, and to confide to Her Majesty's naval forces the protection of the interests of Her Majesty's subjects in that kingdom.

I am now to signify to your Lordships, Her Majesty's pleasure that a British naval force should be held in readiness at Malta for the protection of British interests in the Neapolitan dominions, in case those interests should suffer prejudice after the withdrawal of Her Majesty's Mission from Naples.

The commander of that force should be directed to dispatch a steam-vessel from time to time, so as to keep up a frequent communication with Her Majesty's Consuls at Naples, and the principal Consular stations in the Island of Sicily; and if any circumstances should arise which call for the active interposition of Her Majesty's naval forces for the protection of British interests, the earliest possible notice thereof is to be conveyed to Her Majesty's Government through Marseilles; and the commander of the squadron will hold his ships in readiness to carry out, without loss of time, any instructions which may be sent to him by your Lordships, but without such instructions he will not appear with the line-of-battle ships off the coasts of the Neapolitan dominions.

Her Majesty's Government have reason to believe that corresponding arrangements will be made by the French Government; and I have only to add that the commanders of Her Majesty's ships, either collectively or separately, will endeavour to act in entire concert with the commanders of French vessels engaged on the same service, and will look after French interests equally with those of Her Majesty's subjects, in the accidental absence of a French ship of war.

I am, &c.
(Signed) CLARENDON.

No. 26.

The Secretary to the Admiralty to Mr. Hammond.—(Received October 10.)

Sir, *Admiralty, October* 10, 1856.

MY Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having had under their consideration the letter of this day's date, from the Earl of Clarendon, pointing out the measures to be adopted, in pursuance of Her Majesty's pleasure, for the protection of British interests in the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, after the withdrawal of Her Majesty's Mission from Naples, I am commanded by their Lordships to acquaint you, for the information of Lord Clarendon, that the necessary instructions, accordingly, have been given to Rear-Admiral the Honourable Sir R. S. Dundas.

I am, &c.
(Signed) THOS. PHINN.

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* Nos. 1, 12, and Inclosure in No. 21. † No. 27.

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No. 27.

The Earl of Clarendon to Mr. Petre.

Sir, *Foreign Office, October* 10, 1856

IT is with much regret that Her Majesty's Government have arrived at the conviction that the Neapolitan Government do not intend to modify the system which prevails throughout the dominions of the King of the Two Sicilies, and which formed the subject of my despatch of the 19th of May last to Sir William Temple.

The advice contained in that despatch was offered in a friendly spirit, and in terms that could give no offence to the Neapolitan Government.

Her Majesty's Government felt themselves justified in offering that advice, upon considerations of general interest, and with a sincere desire to establish between England and Naples relations of greater cordiality than those which for some time past have existed.

The reply of the Neapolitan Government was neither courteous nor satisfactory, and proved that the motives and intentions of Her Majesty's Government had been completely misunderstood; but, as the painful impression which it created was not unknown to the Neapolitan Government, we had hoped that our abstinence from again pressing our advice upon the Neapolitan Government might have induced that Government, spontaneously, to adopt measures in accordance with the principles upon which the communication of Her Majesty's Government had been founded. Her Majesty's Government would have greatly preferred that such a course of proceeding should have been pursued, for they have no wish needlessly to interfere in the affairs of Naples, and a sense of duty alone impelled them to suggest certain changes and improvements in the internal policy of that Government. They accordingly waited in silence for several weeks, in the hope that more prudent counsels might have prevailed at Naples; but their expectations have been disappointed. A tardy apology for the first reply of the Neapolitan Government has, indeed, been received, not apparently suggested by a sense of propriety on the part of the Neapolitan Government, but called forth by reports received from Vienna and Paris. This apology, however, is just as unsatisfactory as to the main objects in view as was the despatch of M. Carafa to Prince Carini of the 30th of June, and Her Majesty's Government, therefore, in conjunction with the Government of the Emperor of the French, are of opinion that diplomatic relations can no longer be maintained with a Government which rejects all friendly warning, and is determined to persevere in a course which is condemned by all civilized nations.

You will, therefore, upon the receipt of this despatch, prepare to quit Naples with the members of the Legation, leaving the archives in the care of Her Majesty's Consul.

Similar instructions will be addressed to the French Minister.

But, in order that the interests of British subjects in the Neapolitan territory may not be left without adequate protection, a British squadron will be held in readiness at Malta, and the Commander of that squadron will be directed to dispatch a steam-vessel from time to time, to communicate with Her Majesty's Consuls at Naples and at the ports of the Island of Sicily, in order to ascertain that British interests are not prejudiced by the interruption of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

A French squadron will be held in readiness at Toulon, the Commander of which will receive corresponding instructions for periodical visits to the ports of Naples and of Sicily, with a view to the protection of French interests.

You will read and give a copy of this despatch to M. Carafa, and you will quit Naples as soon after that as you can make your arrangements for doing so.

I am, &c.
(Signed) CLARENDON.

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No. 28.

The Earl of Clarendon to Mr. Petre.

(Extract.) *Foreign Office, October* 10, 1856.

WITH reference to my despatch of this day, I inclose, for your information, a copy of a letter to the Admiralty,* containing instructions to Rear-Admiral Dundas for the guidance of his conduct after your departure from Naples.

It is not thought expedient to send one of Her Majesty's steam-vessels to bring away the Mission, and you will therefore leave Naples by land, or by one of the foreign packet-steamers, as you may find most convenient, and make the best of your way to this country.

You will acquaint Rear-Admiral Dundas of your departure from Naples, and for that purpose you will send the messenger to Civita Vecchia, with instructions to deliver your despatch to the Admiral to the British man-of-war steamer which will be dispatched to Civita Vecchia to receive it.

No. 29.

Mr. Petre to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received October 13.)

My Lord, *Naples, October* 6, 1856.

I HAVE the honour to inform your Lordship that the political trials were brought to a conclusion on the 2nd instant.

To complete the series of the reports which I have made to your Lordship during the course of these trials, I will briefly state what took place since the sitting of the 15th ultimo, an account of which I gave in my despatch of that date.

Captain Acuti, the ex-Commandant of Procida, whose evidence was commented upon with such asperity by the Attorney-General, was brought up again for examination at the demand of that functionary. As might have been anticipated, the ex-Commandant, an artless soldier devoted to the King, did what he could to neutralize the unfavourable effect of his former evidence by stating that the order which he had received and executed, respecting the infliction of fifty strokes upon fifty-four of the prisoners, although drawn up in the King's name, had emanated solely from the authorities. The Court reserved to itself later the right of instituting a criminal prosecution against that hapless officer.

The next sitting of the Court was occupied with the requisition of the Attorney-General. It demanded the sentence of death on four of the accused, Mignogna, Ventre, Manro, and De Angelis, for conspiracy against the State. For two others, Palmieri and De Cicco, a priest, as accomplices in the conspiracy, it demanded the punishment of twenty-five years of irons. Padre Raffaele, an Augustinian monk, and Antonetta Pace, the female prisoner, were to be condemned to eight years' solitary confinement. For the three remaining prisoners, Mortati, Avitabile, and the Canon de Rosa, whose culpability was not established, the requisition demanded acquittal.

During the subsequent sittings of the Court the several advocates of the prisoners spoke in defence of their respective clients.

On the 2nd instant, after a deliberation of about three hours, the Court returned the following sentence: That no conspiracy, but only a project of conspiracy, had been established.

In consequence, the Court condemned Manro, Ventre, and De Angelis (already condemned to the galleys) to twelve years of irons; Mignogna to perpetual banishment from the kingdom; the priest, De Cicco, for knowing and not revealing the project of conspiracy, to two years' impri-

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sonment; Padre Raffaele, the Augustinian monk, for having disseminated discontent with the Government, to one year's imprisonment; Avitabile, Mortati, Palmieri, De Rosa, pronounced not guilty (but who have been immured in gaol for fifteen months), were to be immediately set at liberty.

Four of the Judges were for passing sentence according to the requisition of the Attorney-General, and four for the milder sentence actually pronounced. According to Neapolitan law, in case of equality of votes among the Judges, the balance inclines to the side of leniency.

The sentence of the Court was received with acclamations by the spectators who crowded the hall. This demonstration appeared to exasperate the Attorney-General, who apostrophized the Judges on the occasion in a most unseemly manner.

Thus have terminated these protracted trials, the progress of which has been watched with such painful interest. This paltry and ill-judged prosecution was engendered under the influence and bore the stamp of that baneful system of police with which, until its cruelty and infamy is forgotten, the name of Mazza will be inseparably associated; its closing scene has caught the colouring of the milder system inaugurated (in the capital at least) by Signor Bianchini, and I am disposed to concur in the prevalent conviction that the public opinion of enlightened Europe has had no slight influence in tempering with mercy the late sentence of the Neapolitan Court of Justice.

I have, &c.
(Signed) G. G. PETRE.

No. 30.

Mr. Petre to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received October 14.)

My Lord, *Naples, October* 9, 1856.

IN my despatch of the 6th instant, on the subject of the late political trials, I stated to your Lordship that five of the accused were pronounced by the Court "not guilty." Although this was virtually the verdict, it was not so formally. In all political prosecutions in this country, the verdict of acquittal is shaped in the form of a declaration that the guilt of the accused is "doubtful."

Padre Raffaele, the Augustinian monk, who was condemned to a year's imprisonment, has been pardoned by the King; I am told, however, that he is enjoined to retire to Rome to pass the year in penitential exercises.

Whilst on the subject of these trials, I beg leave again to draw your Lordship's attention to the question arising out of the evidence of Captain Acuti. That officer, as your Lordship may remember, connected the King's name with an order which he had received to inflict excessive corporal punishment on a considerable number of the prisoners confined in the Bagno of Procida. The Attorney-General indignantly repudiated this supposition, and stated that the order in question was issued in virtue of a Ministerial rescript of the fourth class, such as it is not usual to submit for the Royal approval.

Now it appears that this rescript had the effect of abrogating, for the time being, at least, a law which forbids the infliction of more than forty strokes upon any prisoner in the galleys; and an organic law of the country prescribes that no abrogation or modification of a law can take place except in virtue of a decree emanating from the King. Again, only the lower class of convicts, that is to say, those who are condemned for more than twenty-five years, are subject to the infliction of this corporal punishment, of which forty strokes are the legal maximum; whereas in the instance referred to, the punishment was applied indiscriminately to all classes of the convicts.

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The logical inference from this is, either that the King sanctioned this rescript (which is denied), or that the Minister, in addition to infringing two laws, violated a third.

I have, &c.
(Signed) G. G. PETRE.

P.S.—The five prisoners who were acquitted have not yet been set at liberty.

G. G. P.

No. 31.

Mr. Petre to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received October 14.)

My Lord, *Naples, October* 9, 1856.

M. CARAFA, whom I saw yesterday, still holds the same language with respect to the "inviolability" of the King's prerogative, and the impossibility of His Majesty's yielding to foreign pressure. He spoke in a tone of deep regret at the complexion which affairs had assumed, but he was either unable or unwilling to hold out any prospect of concession.

M. Carafa informed me at the same time that, within the last few days, the King had pardoned two persons of some note, who had been condemned for political offences, and who had solicited His Majesty's grace. He did not mention whether they were prisoners or refugees.

I have, &c.
(Signed) G. G. PETRE.

No. 32.

Mr. Petre to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received October 21.)

(Extract.) *Naples, October* 16, 1856.

NOTHING would seem to warrant a supposition that the effervescence of public feeling will lead to collision or breach of the peace of this capital.

A casual observer might fail to detect under the sparkling surface of Neapolitan life the dark current of discontent and misery that flows beneath; and the apparent placidity and meek endurance with which the yoke of Government is borne are quoted by its defenders as proofs that the mass of the people are content, and desire no change.

M. Carafa himself a few days ago, in the course of a conversation, appealed to my sense of justice to testify to this fact, from what had come under my own observation.

I replied that if such were really the case, the moment was singularly opportune for initiating measures of clemency and reform. But the assertion, I added, tallied ill with what had previously been alleged by the Neapolitan Government as a cogent reason for their not complying with the wishes of the allied Powers, viz., that the adoption of the policy suggested by them might jeopardize the safety of the throne and the interests of social order.

Thus it appears that when men, driven beyond the limits of endurance, conspire against the State or violate the law, their acts may be cited as proofs of a subversive spirit of violence only to be suppressed by the iron hand of despotism; but when the evils under which they suffer are borne by them with passive and uncomplaining gentleness, their silence can be pointed to as a triumphant indication of content and happiness.

It is needless that I should dwell, in refutation of this reasoning, upon the political wrongs and sufferings which have unhappily made this country a byeword amongst nations. They are familiar to your Lordship and to all Europe; and it is my conscientious conviction that, in the main, they have not been exaggerated.

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No. 33.

Mr. Petre to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received October 26.)

(Extract.) *Naples, October* 20, 1856.

THE messenger Fendall arrived here by the French steamer on the 17th instant, and delivered to me your Lordship's despatches of the 10th instant.

I immediately concerted with the French Minister, with a view to carrying out without loss of time our joint instructions, and Baron Brennier at once wrote to M. Carafa, to request him to fix a time for receiving the communications which we were instructed to make to him on behalf of our respective Governments.

M. Carafa has fixed to-morrow for receiving us.

As it is tolerably certain that the Neapolitan Government have been informed by their Representatives in London and Paris of the course which Her Majesty's Government and that of the Emperor of the French have decided upon adopting, it is not improbable that this slight delay may have been intentional, and in order to give time for previous reference to the King at Gaeta.

No. 34.

Lord Cowley to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received October 30.)

My Lord, *Compiègne, October* 27, 1856.

IN forwarding to your Lordship Mr. Petre's despatches of the 23rd instant, I have to state that his account of the interview which he and M. Brennier had with M. Carafa on the 21st instant, is confirmed in all points by the latter.

It gives me great pleasure to add that M. Brennier speaks in the highest terms of Mr. Petre's conduct throughout this matter, observing, very justly, that the situation in which Mr. Petre almost accidentally found himself, rendered the task he had to perform more difficult to him than it would have been to one whose position was more accurately defined.

I have, &c.

(Signed) COWLEY.

No. 35.

Mr. Petre to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received October 30.)

My Lord, *Naples, October* 23, 1856.

I HAVE the honour to inform your Lordship that M. Carafa received the French Minister and myself on the 21st instant, upon which occasion I fulfilled that part of your Lordship's instructions which directed me to read to M. Carafa, and leave him a copy of, your Lordship's despatch of the 10th instant.

Baron Brennier also read and left with M. Carafa the copy of a despatch of a similar purport, which he had received from Count Walewski.

M. Carafa, after the despatches had been read, spoke to us in a tone of deep regret at the turn which affairs had taken. He had hoped, he said, that the notes which had been addressed by him on the 28th of August last to Baron Brennier and myself would have sufficed to efface the unfavourable impression produced by the despatches which he had addressed to Prince Carini and the Marquis Antonini in the month of June, the tone of which he did not attempt to justify. With respect, however, to the substance of the notes, the King deeming it incompatible with the interests of his kingdom and the necessities of his Government to accede to the suggestions of Great Britain and France, it was impossible that

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they should essentially differ from the previous replies of the Neapolitan Government. It would be his duty, M. Carafa said, to lay these despatches before the King, but as our instructions to quit Naples at once, with the members of our respective Legations, were unconditional, he could say no more. Referring, however, to that portion of your Lordship's and Count Walewski's despatch regarding the destination and movements of the allied fleets, with a view to the protection of the subjects of Great Britain and France residing in His Sicilian Majesty's dominion, M. Carafa requested us to assure our respective Governments that British and French subjects would continue to receive at the hands of the Neapolitan Government that unfailing protection and enjoy that security to which their unblemished conduct and respect for the laws had always entitled them.

In conclusion, M. Carafa requested Baron Brennier and myself to make a formal application to him in writing for our passports, which we agreed to do.

I have, &c.
(Signed) G. G. PETRE.

No. 36.

Mr. Petre to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received October 30.)

My Lord, *Naples, October* 23, 1856.

IT had been definitively settled between the French Minister and myself that we should take our departure from Naples by the French mail-steamer which leaves for Marseilles on the 30th instant, but Baron Brennier is now of opinion that for various reasons it will be more advisable to leave by land. He has, therefore, proposed to me to start for Rome on the 28th instant, and proceed from thence to Civita Vecchia, to embark at that port on board the French steamer which will touch there upon the 31st, on its journey to Marseilles.

As your Lordship has left me the option of quitting Naples either by land or sea, and as I am anxious as far as possible to act in conformity with the French Minister, I have adopted Baron Brennier's suggestion, and shall consequently leave Naples by land on the 28th instant.

I have, &c.
(Signed) G. G. PETRE.

No. 37.

The Earl of Clarendon to Mr. Petre.

My Lord, *Foreign Office, October* 31, 1856.

I HAVE received your despatch of the 23rd instant, reporting the definitive arrangements agreed upon between yourself and Baron Brennier to quit Naples on the 28th instant, and I approve of your proceedings in this matter.

I have further the satisfaction to convey to you the entire approval of Her Majesty's Government of the judgment and ability with which you have performed the duties that were confided to you subsequent to the departure of the late Sir William Temple from Naples.

I am, &c.
(Signed) CLARENDON.

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No. 38.

Mr. Petre to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received November 1.)

(Extract.) *Naples, October* 25, 1856.

I HAVE the honour to inclose the copy of a despatch which I have this day addressed to Rear-Admiral Dundas in compliance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's despatch of the 10th instant, informing him of my intention to leave Naples with the members of Her Majesty's Legation on the 28th instant.

I had intended sending the messenger to Civita Vecchia by the steamer of the 27th instant, but I have since thought it more advisable that Admiral Dundas should have earlier notice of my departure.

Inclosure in No. 38.

Mr. Petre to Rear-Admiral Sir R. S. Dundas.

Naples, October 25, 1856.

IN obedience to instructions which I have received from the Earl of Clarendon, I have the honour to inform you that diplomatic relations having been suspended between Great Britain and the Two Sicilies, I have formally applied for my passports, and it is my intention to leave Naples for Rome and Civita Vecchia with the members of the Legation on the 28th instant.

The French Minister purposes likewise to leave Naples with the members of his Mission on the 28th instant.

I have, &c.
(Signed) G. G. PETRE.

No. 39.

Mr. Petre to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received November 1.)

My Lord, *Naples, October* 27, 1856.

I REGRET unfeignedly in this, one of my last despatches to your Lordship, to have to record the physical sufferings of Carlo Poerio.

For some time past he had been suffering from a tumour on the spine, arising in great measure, I believe, from long confinement and low unhealthy diet, and aggravated by the friction of his chain. An operation was performed very recently upon him, and he is now, I am told, in a more satisfactory state of health. But, if my information is correct, and I have no reason to doubt it, however revolting to humanity the fact, neither before, nor during, nor after the operation, was Poerio's chain removed.

I have, &c.
(Signed) G. G. PETRE.

No. 40.

Mr. Petre to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received November 1.)

My Lord, *Naples, October* 27, 1856.

I HAVE the honour to inclose the copy of a despatch which I have addressed to Her Majesty's Consuls at Naples and Palermo.

As Baron Brennier has addressed a circular to all the French Consular Body in the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, instructing them to grant protection and aid to British as well as to French subjects, I have also thought

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it right, though not instructed by your Lordship to do so, to place Captain Gallwey and Mr. Goodwin in possession of the instructions gven to Rear-Admiral Dundas.

I have, &c.
(Signed) G. G. PETRE.

Inclosure in No. 40.

Mr. Petre to Consul Gallwey.

Sir, *Naples, October* 24, 1856.

HER Majesty's Government, in conjunction with that of the Emperor of the French, having decided upon breaking off diplomatic relations with the Court of Naples, and confiding to Her Majesty's naval forces the protection of British interests in this Kingdom, I have been instructed by the Earl of Clarendon to quit Naples with the members of the Mission, and to hand over to your care the archives of Her Majesty's Legation.

I have the honour to inclose to you, for your information and guidance, copies of two letters dated the 10th instant, which have been addressed by the Earl of Clarendon to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, containing instructions to Rear-Admiral Dundas for the guidance of his conduct after my departure from Naples.

In conclusion, I have the honour to inform you that it is my intention to take down the Royal Arms from the residence of the Legation, and leave Naples for Rome and Civita Vecchia on the 28th instant.

I have, &c.
(Signed) G. G. PETRE.

No. 41.

Mr. Petre to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received November 1.)

My Lord, *Naples, October* 27, 1856.

I HAVE the honour to inclose the copy of a note which I addressed on the 25th instant to M. Carafa, requesting him to furnish me with the necessary passports for leaving Naples with the members of Her Majesty's Mission.

I have likewise the honour to inclose the copy and translation of M. Carafa's reply.

I have, &c.
(Signed) G. G. PETRE.

Inclosure 1 in No. 41.

Mr. Petre to M. Carafa.

Naples, October 24, 1856.

THE Undersigned, &c., having received instructions from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to quit Naples with the members of the Legation, has the honour to request the Commendatore Carafa, &c., to furnish him with the necessary passports for himself, Mr. Plunkett, and Mr. Craven, Attachés to this Mission.

The Undersigned, &c. (Signed) G. G. PETRE.

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Inclosure 2 in No. 41.

M. Carafa to Mr. Petre.

Napoli, 25 *Ottobre*, 1856.

CON la nota dirittagli dal Signor Petre, &c., de' 24 del corrente, il Sottoscritto, &c., ha ricevuto l'annunzio che per ordini giuntogli dal Ministro degli Affari Esteri deve il Signor Incaricato, col personale della Legazione Inglese, lasciar Napoli, a qual fine chiede i necessari passaporti, pe' quali ha rimesso la corrispondente lista.

Il Sottoscritto, nell' esprimere al Signor Incaricato il proprio rincrescimento della sua partenza, adempie al dovere di rimetterli quì compiegati i chiesti passaporti, e le rinuova, &c.

(Firmato) CARAFA.

(Translation.)

Naples, October 25, 1856.

THE Undersigned, &c., has been informed by the note which Mr. Petre, &c., addressed to him on the 24th instant, that Her Britannic Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires has received orders from the Minister for Foreign Affairs to leave Naples with the members of the English Legation, for which purpose he demands the necessary passports, inclosing at the same time a list of the persons.

The Undersigned, whilst expressing to Mr. Petre his personal regret at his departure, has the honour to transmit, herewith, the requisite passports, and renews, &c.

(Signed) CARAFA.

No. 42.

Mr. Petre to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received November 1.)

My Lord, *Naples, October* 27, 1856.

I AM unwilling to close my correspondence with your Lordship without testifying my grateful sense of the perfect cordiality and frankness with which, notwithstanding the inequality in our diplomatic rank and standing, the French Minister at this Court, Baron Brennier, has honoured me on all occasions.

I have, &c.

(Signed) G. G. PETRE.

No. 43.

The Earl of Clarendon to Mr. Petre.

Sir, *Foreign Office, November* 4, 1856.

I APPROVE of your having communicated to Her Majesty's Consuls at Naples and Palermo, as reported in your despatch of the 27th ultimo, the instructions given to Rear-Admiral Dundas with regard to the suspension of diplomatic relations with Naples.

I am, &c.

(Signed) CLARENDON.

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No. 44.

The Earl of Clarendon to Lord Cowley.

My Lord, *Foreign Office, November* 4, 1856.

I INCLOSE for your Excellency's information a copy of a despatch from Mr. Petre,* expressing his grateful sense of the perfect cordiality and frankness which he has met with from Baron Brennier on all occasions; and I have to instruct your Excellency to communicate Mr. Petre's despatch to Count Walewski, and to request that the best acknowledgments of Her Majesty's Government may be conveyed to M. Brennier.

I am, &c.

(Signed) CLARENDON.

No. 45.

Consul Gallwey to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received November 12.)

My Lord, *Naples, November* 6, 1856.

I HAVE the honour to transmit to you a copy of a circular, with a translation, which, within the last few days, has been addressed by the Minister of Police to the different Commissaries of that Department in the capital.

The people are very quiet, but I know that considerable excitement prevails in the minds of the liberal portion of them, and I likewise know that, on the opposite side, the pulpits in some of the churches are made the medium for expressing censure, and inflaming the minds of the King's party against the French and English Governments, especially the latter.

I have, &c.

(Signed) THOMAS GALLWEY.

Inclosure in No. 45.

Circular.

Napoli, 27 *Ottobre,* 1856.

DEBBO interessarvi ad essere estremamente vigile ne' luoghi di sua amministrazione affin di evitare che nasca la minima questione coi sudditi Francesi ed Inglesi, e qualora ciò avvenisse è d'uopo si cerchi di comporre le vertenze nel meglio modo, tutelando al massimo grado i dritti, le persone, le proprietà, e gli interessi de' Francesi e degli Inglesi. In somma si dovrà assolutamente evitare che nascano incidenti, prevenendoli con tutt'i mezzi che sono in potere delle autorità; e nata che fosse farla subito cessare.

Ella è troppo sagace poi per iscorgere quanta cura e diligenza da sua parte richiede il più scrupoloso adempimento di siffatta determinazione, e quanta responsibilità peserebbe su quelle autorità per la cui trascuranza e lentezza non venissero prevenuti o stroncati sul nascere i mentovati incidenti.

Mi accusi ricezzione di questo foglio.

(Translation.)

Naples, October 27, 1856.

I HAVE to instruct you to be extremely vigilant in the district under your administration in order to avoid the possibility of the least question arising with French and British subjects, and should such

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nevertheless happen, it is necessary that you should endeavour to compose any dispute in the best manner possible, and protecting equally, and in the same manner, the rights, persons, property, and interests of French and English subjects.

In fact, you must absolutely avoid that any incident should arise, and you will make use of all the power vested in the authorities to succeed in this; and should any differences arise, you will take steps to settle them at once. You are too wise not to perceive clearly how much care and diligence is required on your part to carry out scrupulously this determination, and how severe a responsibility will devolve upon those authorities whose neglect and callousness shall have caused them to fail in at once preventing or dispelling any differences which might arise.

You will acknowledge the receipt of this letter.

No. 46.

The Earl of Clarendon to Prince Carini.

Foreign Office, November 15, 1856.

DIPLOMATIC relations between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of His Majesty the King of the Two Sicilies having been interrupted, and the British Mission having withdrawn from Naples, the Undersigned, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in conformity with the verbal communication which on the 8th instant he made to Prince Carini, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of His Majesty the King of the Two Sicilies, has now the honour to send to Prince Carini the inclosed passport for himself and the members of his Mission.

The Undersigned, &c. (Signed) CLARENDON.

No. 47.

Prince Carini to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received November 17.)

94, *Eaton Square*, 15 *Novembre*, 1856.

IL Sottoscritto, Inviato Straordinario e Ministro Plenipotenziario di Sua Maestà Siciliana, nell' accusar ricevuta della nota che con questa data sua Eccellenza il Signor Conte di Clarendon, Primo Segretario di Stato per gli Affari Esteri, gli ha fatto l'onore di inviargli insieme co' passaporti per se e per tutti i membri della sua Missione, si fa sollecito ad accertarla che ne profitteranno nel corso dell' imminente settimana in conformità con ciò che osservava nel riceverne il verbale annunzio.

Deve informarla altresi che nel tempo dell' assenza impostagli in prosieguo di avere il Governo di Sua Maestà Britannica interrotte le sue relazioni con quello di Sua Maestà il Re del Regno delle Due Sicilie, la Regia Legazione di Sua Maestà il Re di Prussia, avendone accettata l'officiosa incombenza, assumerà provvisoriamente la protezione de' sudd iti del Regno delle Due Sicilie e de' loro interessi, mentre il Console-Generale, Don Enrico Minasi, continuerà nelle sue attuali incombenze.

Il Sottoscritto, &c.

(Firmato) PRINCIPE DI CARINI.

(Translation.)

THE Undersigned, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of His Sicilian Majesty, in acknowledging the receipt of the note which his Excellency the Earl of Clarendon, &c., has done him the honour to send him this day, together with the passports for himself and all the members of his Mission, hastens to assure him that they will make use of

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the same in the course of the ensuing week, in accordance with his observation made on receiving the verbal announcement of the same.

He has also to inform his Excellency that during the time of absence imposed on him in consequence of Her Britannic Majesty's Government having broken off relations with the Government of His Majesty the King of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, the Legation of His Majesty the King of Prussia, having accepted unofficially the exercise of the same, will, provisionally, assume the protection of the subjects of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, and of their interests, and that the Consul-General, Don Enrico Minasi, will remain in his present office.

The Undersigned, &c.

(Signed) PRINCE CARINI.

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CORRESPONDENCE relative to the Affairs of Naples.

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TREATY

OF

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BETWEEN

HER MAJESTY

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THE KINGS OF SIAM.

Signed at Bangkok, April 18, 1855.

WITH

AN AGREEMENT SUPPLEMENTARY THERETO.

Signed at Bangkok, May 13, 1856.

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TREATY

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THE KINGS OF SIAM.

Signed, in the English and Siamese languages, at Bangkok, April 18, 1855.

[*Ratifications exchanged at Bangkok, April* 5, 1856.]

HER Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and all its dependencies, and Their Majesties Phra Bard Somdetch Phra Paramendr Maha Mongkut Phra Chom Klau Chau Yu Hua, the First King of Siam, and Phra Bard Somdetch Phra Pawarendr Ramesr Mahiswaresr Phra Pin Klau Chau Yu Hua, the Second King of Siam, desiring to establish upon firm and lasting foundations the relations of peace and friendship existing between the two countries, and to secure the best interests of their respective subjects by encouraging, facilitating, and regulating their industry and trade, have resolved to conclude a Treaty of Amity and Commerce for this purpose, and have therefore named as their Plenipotentiaries, that is to say:

Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Sir John Bowring, Knight, Doctor of Laws, &c., &c.;

And Their Majesties the First and Second Kings of Siam, his Royal Highness Krom Hluang Wongsa Dhiraj Snidh; his Excellency Somdetch Chau Phaya Param Maha Puyurawongse; his Excellency Somdetch Chau Phaya Param Maha Bijai-neate; his Excellency Chau Phaya Sri Suriwongse Samuha Phra Kralahome; and his Excellency Chau Phaya, Acting Phra-Klang;

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, and found them to be in good and due form, have agreed upon and concluded the following Articles:—

ARTICLE I.

There shall henceforward be perpetual peace and friendship between Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, and her successors, and Their Majesties the First and Second Kings of Siam, and their successors. All British subjects coming to Siam shall receive from the Siamese Government full protection and assistance to enable them to reside in Siam in all security, and trade with every facility, free from oppression or injury on the part of the Siamese; and all Siamese subjects going to an English country shall receive from the British Government the same complete protection and assistance that shall be granted to British subjects by the Government of Siam.

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ARTICLE II.

The interests of all British subjects coming to Siam shall be placed under the regulation and control of a Consul, who will be appointed to reside at Bangkok: he will himself conform to, and will enforce the observance by British subjects of, all the provisions of this Treaty, and such of the former Treaty negotiated by Captain Burney in 1826, as shall still remain in operation. He shall also give effect to all rules or regulations that are now or may hereafter be enacted for the government of British subjects in Siam, the conduct of their trade, and for the prevention of violations of the laws of Siam. Any disputes arising between British and Siamese subjects shall be heard and determined by the Consul, in conjunction with the proper Siamese officers; and criminal offences will be punished, in the case of English offenders by the Consul, according to English laws, and in the case of Siamese offenders, by their own laws, through the Siamese authorities. But the Consul shall not interfere in any matters referring solely to Siamese, neither will the Siamese authorities interfere in questions which only concern the subjects of Her Britannic Majesty.

It is understood, however, that the arrival of the British Consul at Bangkok shall not take place before the ratification of this Treaty, nor until ten vessels owned by British subjects, sailing under British colours and with British papers, shall have entered the port of Bangkok for purposes of trade, subsequent to the signing of this Treaty.

ARTICLE III.

If Siamese in the employ of British subjects offend against the laws of their country, or if any Siamese having so offended or desiring to desert, take refuge with a British subject in Siam, they shall be searched for, and, upon proof of their guilt or desertion, shall be delivered up by the Consul to the Siamese authorities. In like manner, any British offenders resident or trading in Siam, who may desert, escape to, or hide themselves in, Siamese territory, shall be apprehended and delivered over to the British Consul on his requisition. Chinese, not able to prove themselves to be British subjects, shall not be considered as such by the British Consul, nor be entitled to his protection.

ARTICLE IV.

British subjects are permitted to trade freely in all the seaports of Siam, but may reside permanently only at Bangkok, or within the limits assigned by this Treaty. British subjects coming to reside at Bangkok may rent land, and buy or build houses, but cannot purchase lands within a circuit of 200 *sen* (not more than four miles English) from the city walls, until they shall have lived in Siam for ten years, or shall obtain special authority from the Siamese Government to enable them to do so. But with the exception of this limitation, British residents in Siam may at any time buy or rent houses, lands, or plantations, situated any where within a distance of twenty-four hours' journey from the city of Bangkok, to be computed by the rate at which boats of the country can travel. In order to obtain possession of such lands or houses, it will be necessary that the British subject shall, in the first place, make application through the Consul to the proper Siamese officer; and the Siamese officer and the Consul having satisfied themselves of the honest intentions of the applicant, will assist him in settling, upon equitable terms, the amount of the purchase money, will mark out and fix the boundaries of the property, and will convey the same to the British purchaser under sealed deeds. Whereupon he and his property shall be placed under the protection of the Governor of the district and that of the particular local authorities; he shall conform, in ordinary matters, to any just directions given him by them, and will be subject to the same taxation that is levied on Siamese subjects. But if through negligence, the want of capital, or other cause, a British subject should fail to commence the cultivation or improvement of the lands so acquired within a term of three years from the

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date of receiving possession thereof, the Siamese Government shall have the power of resuming the property, upon returning to the British subject the purchase money paid by him for the same.

ARTICLE V.

All British subjects intending to reside in Siam shall be registered at the British Consulate. They shall not go out to sea, nor proceed beyond the limits assigned by this Treaty for the residence of British subjects, without a passport from the Siamese authorities, to be applied for by the British Consul; nor shall they leave Siam, if the Siamese authorities show to the British Consul that legitimate objections exist to their quitting the country. But within the limits appointed under the preceding Article, British subjects are at liberty to travel to and fro under the protection of a pass, to be furnished them by the British Consul, and counter-sealed by the proper Siamese officer, stating, in the Siamese character, their names, calling, and description. The Siamese officers at the Government stations in the interior may, at any time, call for the production of this pass, and immediately on its being exhibited, they must allow the parties to proceed; but it will be their duty to detain those persons who, by travelling without a pass from the Consul, render themselves liable to the suspicion of their being deserters; and such detention shall be immediately reported to the Consul.

ARTICLE VI.

All British subjects visiting or residing in Siam shall be allowed the free exercise of the Christian religion, and liberty to build churches in such localities as shall be consented to by the Siamese authorities. The Siamese Government will place no restrictions upon the employment by the English of Siamese subjects as servants, or in any other capacity. But wherever a Siamese subject belongs or owes service to some particular master, the servant who engages himself to a British subject without the consent of his master may be reclaimed by him; and the Siamese Government will not enforce an agreement between a British subject and any Siamese in his employ, unless made with the knowledge and consent of the master, who has a right to dispose of the services of the person engaged.

ARTICLE VII.

British ships of war may enter the river, and anchor at Paknam, but they shall not proceed above Paknam, unless with the consent of the Siamese authorities, which shall be given where it is necessary that a ship shall go into dock for repairs. Any British ship of war conveying to Siam a public functionary accredited by Her Majesty's Government to the Court of Bangkok, shall be allowed to come up to Bangkok, but shall not pass the forts called Pong Phrachamit and Pit-patch-nuck, unless expressly permitted to do so by the Siamese Government; but in the absence of a British ship of war, the Siamese authorities engage to furnish the Consul with a force sufficient to enable him to give effect to his authority over British subjects, and to enforce discipline among British shipping.

ARTICLE VIII.

The measurement duty hitherto paid by British vessels trading to Bangkok under the Treaty of 1826 shall be abolished from the date of this Treaty coming into operation, and British shipping and trade will thenceforth be only subject to the payment of import and export duties on the goods landed or shipped. On all articles of import the duties shall be 3 per cent., payable at the option of the importer, either in kind or money, calculated upon the market value of the

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goods. Drawback of the full amount of duty shall be allowed upon goods found unsaleable and re-exported. Should the British merchant and the Custom-house officers disagree as to the value to be set upon imported articles, such disputes shall be referred to the Consul and proper Siamese officer, who shall each have the power to call in an equal number of merchants as assessors, not exceeding two on either side, to assist them in coming to an equitable decision.

Opium may be imported free of duty, but can only be sold to the opium farmer or his agents. In the event of no arrangement being effected with them for the sale of the opium, it shall be re-exported, and no impost or duty shall be levied thereon. Any infringement of this regulation shall subject the opium to seizure and confiscation.

Articles of export from the time of production to the date of shipment shall pay one impost only, whether this be levied under the name of inland tax, transit duty, or duty on exportation. The tax or duty to be paid on each article of Siamese produce previous to or upon exportation, is specified in the Tariff attached to this Treaty; and it is distinctly agreed that goods or produce which pay any description of tax in the interior shall be exempted from any further payment of duty on exportation.

English merchants are to be allowed to purchase directly from the producer the articles in which they trade, and in like manner to sell their goods directly to the parties wishing to purchase the same, without the interference, in either case, of any other person.

The rates of duty laid down in the Tariff attached to this Treaty are those that are now paid upon goods or produce shipped in Siamese or Chinese vessels or junks; and it is agreed that British shipping shall enjoy all the privileges now exercised by, or which hereafter may be granted to, Siamese or Chinese vessels or junks.

British subjects will be allowed to build ships in Siam, on obtaining permission to do so from the Siamese authorities

Whenever a scarcity may be apprehended, of salt, rice, and fish, the Siamese Government reserve to themselves the right of prohibiting, by public proclamation, the exportation of these articles.

Bullion, or personal effects, may be imported or exported free of charge.

ARTICLE IX.

The Code of Regulations appended to this Treaty shall be enforced by the Consul, with the cooperation of the Siamese authorities; and they, the said authorities and Consul, shall be enabled to introduce any further regulations which may be found necessary, in order to give effect to the objects of this Treaty.

All fines and penalties inflicted for infraction of the provisions and regulations of this Treaty shall be paid to the Siamese Government.

Until the British Consul shall arrive at Bangkok, and enter upon his functions, the consignees of British vessels shall be at liberty to settle with the Siamese authorities all questions relating to their trade.

ARTICLE X.

The British Government and its subjects will be allowed free and equal participation in any privileges that may have been, or may hereafter be, granted by the Siamese Government to the Government or subjects of any other nation.

ARTICLE XI.

After the lapse of ten years from the date of the ratification of this Treaty, upon the desire of either the British or Siamese Government, and on twelve months' notice given by either party, the present and such portions of the Treaty of 1826 as remain unrevoked by this Treaty, together with the Tariff and Regulations hereunto annexed, or those that may hereafter be introduced, shall

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be subject to revision by Commissioners appointed on both sides for this purpose, who will be empowered to decide on and insert therein such amendments as experience shall prove to be desirable.

ARTICLE XII.

This Treaty, executed in English and Siamese, both versions having the same meaning and intention, and the ratifications thereof having been previously exchanged, shall take effect from the sixth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six of the Christian era, corresponding to the first day of the fifth month of the one thousand two hundred and eighteenth year of the Siamese Civil era.

In witness whereof the above-named Plenipotentiaries have signed and sealed the present Treaty in quadruplicate at Bangkok, on the eighteenth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five of the Christian era, corresponding to the second day of the sixth month of the one thousand two hundred and seventeenth year of the Siamese Civil era.

JOHN BOWRING.
(L.S.)

(Signatures and seals of the five Siamese Plenipotentiaries.)

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General Regulations under which British Trade is to be conducted in Siam.

REGULATION I.

The master of every English ship coming to Bangkok to trade, must, either before or after entering the river, as may be found convenient, report the arrival of his vessel at the custom-house at Paknam, together with the number of his crew and guns, and the port from whence he comes. Upon anchoring his vessel at Paknam, he will deliver into the custody of the custom-house officers all his guns and ammunition: and a custom-house officer will then be appointed to the vessel, and will proceed in her to Bangkok.

REGULATION II.

A vessel passing Paknam without discharging her guns and ammunition as directed in the foregoing regulation, will be sent back to Paknam to comply with its provisions, and will be fined 800 ticals for having so disobeyed. After delivery of her guns and ammunition she will be permitted to return to Bangkok to trade.

REGULATION III.

When a British vessel shall have cast anchor at Bangkok, the master, unless a Sunday should intervene, will, within four-and-twenty hours after arrival, proceed to the British Consulate, and deposit there his ship's papers, bills of lading, &c., together with a true manifest of his import cargo; and upon the Consul's reporting these particulars to the custom-house, permission to break bulk will at once be given by the latter.

For neglecting so to report his arrival, or for presenting a false manifest, the master will subject himself, in each instance, to a penalty of 400 ticals; but he will be allowed to correct, within twenty-four hours after delivery of it to the Consul, any mistake he may discover in his manifest, without incurring the above-mentioned penalty.

REGULATION IV.

A British vessel breaking bulk, and commencing to discharge before due permission shall be obtained, or smuggling either when in the river or outside the bar, shall be subject to the penalty of 800 ticals, and confiscation of the goods so smuggled or discharged.

REGULATION V.

As soon as a British vessel shall have discharged her cargo, and completed her outward lading, paid all her duties, and delivered a true manifest of her outward cargo to the British Consul, a Siamese port-clearance shall be granted her on application from the Consul, who, in the absence of any legal impediment to her departure, will then return to the master his ship's papers, and allow the vessel to leave. A custom-house officer will accompany the vessel

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to Paknam; and on arriving there she will be inspected by the custom-house officers of that station, and will receive from them the guns and ammunition previously delivered into their charge.

REGULATION VI.

Her Britannic Majesty's Plenipotentiary having no knowledge of the Siamese language, the Siamese Government have agreed that the English text of these Regulations, together with the Treaty of which they form a portion, and the Tariff hereunto annexed, shall be accepted as conveying in every respect their true meaning and intention.

JOHN BOWRING.
(L.S.)

(Signatures and seals of the five Siamese Plenipotentiaries.)

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Tariff of Export and Inland Duties to be levied on Articles of Trade.

SECTION I.

The undermentioned Articles shall be entirely free from Inland or other Taxes, on production or transit, and shall pay Export Duty as follows:

	Tical.	Salung.	Fuang.	Hun.	
1. Ivory	10	0	0	0	Per pecul.
2. Gamboge	6	0	0	0	"
3. Rhinoceros horns	50	0	0	0	"
4. Cardamums, best	14	0	0	0	"
5. Ditto, bastard	6	0	0	0	"
6. Dried Mussels	1	0	0	0	"
7. Pelican's quills	2	2	0	0	"
8. Betel nut, dried	1	0	0	0	"
9. Krachi wood	0	2	0	0	"
10. Shark's fins, white	6	0	0	0	"
11. Ditto, black	3	0	0	0	"
12. Lukkrabau seed	0	2	0	0	"
13. Peacock's tails	10	0	0	0	Per 100 tails.
14. Buffalo and cow bones	0	0	0	3	Per pecul.
15. Rhinoceros hides	0	2	0	0	"
16. Hide cuttings	0	1	0	0	"
17. Turtle shells	1	0	0	0	"
18. Soft ditto	1	0	0	0	"
19. Bêche de mer	3	0	0	0	"
20. Fish maws	3	0	0	0	"
21. Bird's nests, uncleaned	20 per cent.				
22. Kingfisher's feathers	6	0	0	0	Per 100.
23. Cutch	0	2	0	0	Per pecul.
24. Beyché seed (Nux Vomica)	0	2	0	0	"
25. Pungtarai seed	0	2	0	0	"
26. Gum Benjamin	4	0	0	0	"
27. Angrai bark	0	2	0	0	"
28. Agilla wood	2	0	0	0	"
29. Ray skins	3	0	0	0	"
30. Old deer's horns	0	1	0	0	"
31. Soft, or young ditto	10 per cent.				
32. Deer hides, fine	8	0	0	0	Per 100 hides.
33. Ditto, common	3	0	0	0	"
34. Deer sinews	4	0	0	0	Per pecul.
35. Buffalo and cow hides	1	0	0	0	"
36. Elephant's bones	1	0	0	0	"
37. Tiger's bones	5	0	0	0	"
38. Buffalo horns	0	1	0	0	"
39. Elephant's hides	0	1	0	0	"
40. Tiger's skins	0	1	0	0	Per skin.
41. Armadillo skins	4	0	0	0	Per pecul.
42. Sticklac	1	1	0	0	"
43. Hemp	1	2	0	0	"
44. Dried fish, *Plaheng*	1	2	0	0	"
45. Ditto, *Plasalit*	1	0	0	0	"
46. Sapan wood	0	2	1	0	"
47. Salt meat	2	0	0	0	"
48. Mangrove bark	0	1	0	0	"
49. Rosewood	0	2	0	0	"
50. Ebony	1	1	0	0	"
51. Rice	4	0	0	0	Per koyan.

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SECTION II.

The undermentioned Articles being subject to the Inland or Transit Duties herein named, and which shall not be increased, shall be exempt from Export Duty.

	Tical.	Salung.	Fuang.	Hun.	
52. Sugar, white	0	2	0	0	Per pecul.
53. Ditto, red	0	1	0	0	„
54. Cotton, clean and uncleaned	10 per cent.				
55. Pepper	1	0	0	0	Per pecul.
56. Salt-fish, *Platu*	1	0	0	0	Per 10,000 fish.
57. Beans and Peas	One-twelfth.				
58. Dried Prawns	One-twelfth.				
59. Tilseed	One-twelfth.				
60. Silk, raw	One-twelfth.				
61. Bees'-wax	One-fifteenth.				
62. Tallow	1	0	0	0	Per pecul.
63. Salt	6	0	0	0	Per koyan.
64. Tobacco	1	2	0	0	Per 1,000 bundles.

SECTION III.

All goods or produce unenumerated in this Tariff shall be free of Export Duty, and shall only be subject to one Inland Tax or Transit Duty, not exceeding the rate now paid.

JOHN BOWRING.
(L.S.)

(Signatures and seals of the five Siamese Plenipotentiaries.)

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AGREEMENT SUPPLEMENTARY TO THE TREATY.

Signed at Bangkok, May 13, 1856.

AGREEMENT entered into between Harry Smith Parkes, Esq., on the part of Her Britannic Majesty's Government, and the undermentioned Royal Commissioners, on the part of Their Majesties the First and Second Kings of Siam.

Mr. Parkes having stated, on his arrival at Bangkok, as bearer of Her Britannic Majesty's ratification of the Treaty of Friendship and Commerce, concluded on the 18th day of April, 1855, between Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and Their Majesties Phra Bard Somdetch Phra Paramendr Maha Mongkut Phra Chom Klau Chau Yu Hua, the First King of Siam, and Phra Bard Somdetch Phra Pawarendr Ramesr Mahiswaresr Phra Pin Klau Chau Yu Hua, the Second King of Siam, that he was instructed by the Earl of Clarendon, Her Britannic Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to request the Siamese Government to consent to an enumeration of those Articles of the former Treaty, concluded in 1826, between the Honourable East India Company and Their late Majesties the First and Second Kings of Siam, which are abrogated by the Treaty first named, and also to agree to certain explanations which appear necessary to mark the precise force and application of certain portions of the new Treaty; Their aforesaid Majesties, the First and Second Kings of Siam, have appointed and empowered certain Royal Commissioners, namely, his Royal Highness Krom Hluang Wong-sa Dhiraj Snidh, and their Excellencies the four Senaputhies or Principal Ministers of Siam, to confer and arrange with Mr. Parkes the matters above named; and the said Royal Commissioners having accordingly met Mr. Parkes for this purpose, on repeated occasions, and maturely considered all the subjects brought by him to their notice, have resolved:

That it is proper, in order to prevent future controversy, that those clauses of the old Treaty which are abrogated by the new Treaty should be distinctly specified, and that any clause of the new Treaty which is not sufficiently clear should be fully explained. To this end they have agreed to and concluded the following twelve Articles:—

ARTICLE I.

On the old Treaty concluded in 1826.

The Articles of the old Treaty not abrogated by the new Treaty, are I, II, III, VIII, XI, XII, XIII, and XIV, and the undermentioned clauses of Articles VI and X;

In Article VI the Siamese desire to retain the following clause:

"If a Siamese or English merchant buy or sell, without inquiring and ascertaining whether the seller or buyer be of a good or bad character, and if he meet with a bad man, who takes the property and absconds, the rulers and officers on either side must make search and endeavour to produce the property of the absconder, and investigate the matter with sincerity. If the party possess money or property, he can be made to pay; but if he does not possess

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any, or if he cannot be apprehended, it will be the merchant's own fault, and the authorities cannot be held responsible."

Of Article X, Mr. Parkes desires to retain that clause relating to the overland trade, which states:

"Asiatic merchants of the English countries, not being Burmese, Pegouans, or descendants of Europeans, desiring to enter into and to trade with the Siamese dominions, from the countries of Mergui, Tavoy, Tenasserim, and Ye, which are now subject to the English, will be allowed to do so freely overland and by water, upon the English furnishing them with proper certificates."

Mr. Parkes, however, desires that all British subjects, without exception, shall be allowed to participate in this overland trade. The said Royal Commissioners therefore agree, on the part of the Siamese, that all traders, under British rule, may cross from the British territories of Mergui, Tavoy, Ye, Tenasserim, Pegu, or other places, by land or by water, to the Siamese territories, and may trade there with facility, on the condition that they shall be provided by the British authorities with proper certificates, which must be renewed for each journey.

The Commercial Agreement annexed to the old Treaty is abrogated by the new Treaty, with the exception of the undermentioned clauses of Articles I and IV.

Of Article I the Siamese desire to retain the following clause:

"British merchants importing fire-arms, shot, or gunpowder, are prohibited from selling them to any party but the Government. Should the Government not require such fire-arms, shot, or gunpowder, the merchants must re-export the whole of them."

Article IV stipulates that no charge or duty shall be levied on boats carrying cargo to British ships at the bar. The Siamese desire to cancel this clause, for the reason that the old measurement duty of 1,700 ticals per fathom included the fees of the various officers, but as this measurement duty has now been abolished, the Siamese wish to levy on each native boat taking cargo out to sea, a fee of 8 ticals 2 salungs, this being the charge paid by Siamese traders; and Mr. Parkes undertakes to submit this point to the consideration of Her Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of Siam.

ARTICLE II.

On the exclusive Jurisdiction of the Consul over British Subjects.

The IInd Article of the Treaty stipulates that—"Any disputes arising between British and Siamese subjects shall be heard and determined by the Consul in conjunction with the proper Siamese officers; and criminal offenders will be punished, in the case of English offenders by the Consul according to English laws, and in the case of Siamese offenders by their own laws, through the Siamese authorities; but the Consul shall not interfere in any matters referring solely to Siamese, neither will the Siamese authorities interfere in questions which only concern the subjects of Her Britannic Majesty."

On the non-interference of the Consul with the Siamese, or of the Siamese with British subjects, the said Royal Commissioners desire, in the first place, to state that while, for natural reasons, they fully approve of the Consul holding no jurisdiction over Siamese in their own country, the Siamese authorities, on the other hand, will feel themselves bound to call on the Consul to apprehend and punish British subjects who shall commit, whilst in Siamese territory, any grave infractions of the laws, such as cutting, wounding, or inflicting other serious bodily harm. But in disputes, or in offences of a slighter nature, committed by British subjects among themselves, the Siamese authorities will refrain from all interference.

With reference to the punishment of offences, or the settlement of disputes, it is agreed:

That all criminal cases in which both parties are British subjects, or in which the defendant is a British subject, shall be tried and determined by the

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British Consul alone. All criminal cases in which both parties are Siamese, or in which the defendant is a Siamese, shall be tried and determined by the Siamese authorities alone.

That all civil cases in which both parties are British subjects, or in which the defendant is a British subject, shall be heard and determined by the British Consul alone. All civil cases in which both parties are Siamese, or in which the defendant is a Siamese, shall be heard and determined by the Siamese authorities alone.

That whenever a British subject has to complain against a Siamese, he must make his complaint through the British Consul, who will lay it before the proper Siamese authorities.

That in all cases in which Siamese or British subjects are interested, the Siamese authorities in the one case, and the British Consul in the other, shall be at liberty to attend at, and listen to, the investigation of the case; and copies of the proceedings will be furnished from time to time, or whenever desired, to the Consul or the Siamese authorities, until the case is concluded.

That although the Siamese may interfere so far with British subjects, as to call upon the Consul, in the manner stated in this Article, to punish grave offences when committed by British subjects, it is agreed that—

British subjects, their persons, houses, premises, lands, ships, or property of any kind, shall not be seized, injured, or in any way interfered with by the Siamese. In case of any violation of this stipulation, the Siamese authorities will take cognizance of the case, and punish the offenders. On the other hand, Siamese subjects, their persons, houses, premises, or property of any kind, shall not be seized, injured, or in any way interfered with by the English; and the British Consul shall investigate and punish any breach of this stipulation.

ARTICLE III.

On the right of British Subjects to dispose of their Property at will.

By the IVth Article of the Treaty, British subjects are allowed to purchase in Siam "houses, gardens, fields, or plantations." It is agreed, in reference to this stipulation, that British subjects, who have accordingly purchased houses, gardens, fields, or plantations, are at liberty to sell the same to whomsoever they please. In the event of a British subject dying in Siam, and leaving houses, lands, or other property, his relations, or those persons who are heirs according to English law, shall receive possession of the said property; and the British Consul, or some one appointed by the British Consul, may proceed at once to take charge of the said property on their account. If the deceased should have debts due to him by the Siamese, or other persons, the Consul can collect them; and if the deceased should owe money, the Consul shall liquidate his debts as far as the estate of the deceased shall suffice.

ARTICLE IV.

On the Taxes, Duties, or other Charges leviable on British Subjects.

The IVth Article of the Treaty provides for the payment on the lands held or purchased by British subjects, of "the same taxation that is levied on Siamese subjects." The taxes here alluded to are those set forth in the annexed Schedule. Again, it is stated in the VIIIth Article, that "British subjects are to pay import and export duties according to the tariff annexed to the Treaty." For the sake of greater distinctness, it is necessary to add to these two clauses the following explanation, namely, that beside the land tax and the import and export duties, mentioned in the aforesaid Articles, no additional charge or tax of any kind may be imposed upon a British subject, unless it obtain the sanction both of the Supreme Siamese authorities and the British Consul.

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ARTICLE V.

On Passes and Port Clearances.

The Vth Article of the Treaty provides that passports shall be granted to travellers, and the Vth Article of the Regulations that port-clearances shall be furnished to ships. In reference thereto, the said Royal Commissioners, at the request of Mr. Parkes, agree that the passports to be given to British subjects travelling beyond the limits assigned by the Treaty for the residence of British subjects, together with the passes for cargo-boats and the port-clearances of British ships, shall be issued within twenty-four hours after formal application for the same shall have been made to the proper Siamese authorities; but if reasonable cause should, at any time, exist for delaying or withholding the issue of any of these papers, the Siamese authorities must at once communicate it to the Consul.

Passports for British subjects travelling in the interior, and the port-clearances of British ships, will be granted by the Siamese authorities free of charge.

ARTICLE VI.

On the Prohibition of the Exportation of Rice, Salt, and Fish, and on the Duty on Paddy.

The VIIIth Article of the Treaty stipulates, that "whenever a scarcity may be apprehended of salt, rice, and fish, the Siamese Government reserve to themselves the right of prohibiting by public proclamation the exportation of these articles."

Mr. Parkes, in elucidation of this clause, desires an agreement to this effect, namely, that a month's notice shall be given by the Siamese authorities to the Consul, prior to the enforcement of the prohibition, and that British subjects who may previously obtain special permission from the Siamese authorities to export a certain quantity of rice which they have already purchased, may do so even after the prohibition comes in force. Mr. Parkes also requests that the export duty on paddy should be half of that on rice, namely, two ticals per koyan.

The said Royal Commissioners having in view the fact that rice forms the principal sustenance of the nation, stipulate that on the breaking out of war or rebellion, the Siamese may prohibit the trade in rice, and may enforce the prohibition so long as the hostilities thus occasioned shall continue. If a dearth should be apprehended on account of the want or excess of rain, the Consul will be informed one month previous to the enforcement of the prohibition. British merchants who obtain the Royal permission, upon the issue of the proclamation, to export a certain quantity of rice which they have already purchased, may do so, irrespective of the prohibition to the contrary; but those merchants who do not obtain the Royal permission will not be allowed, when the prohibition takes effect, to export the rice they may already have purchased. The prohibition shall be removed as soon as the cause of its being imposed shall have ceased to exist.

Paddy may be exported on payment of a duty of two ticals per koyan, or half the amount levied on rice.

ARTICLE VII.

On Permission to import Gold-Leaf as Bullion.

Under the VIIIth Article of the Treaty, bullion may be imported or exported free of charge. With reference to this clause, the said Royal Commissioners, at the request of Mr. Parkes, agree that foreign coins of every denomi-

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nation, gold and silver in bars or ingots, and gold-leaf, may be imported free; but manufactured articles in gold and silver, plated ware, and diamonds or other precious stones, must pay an import duty of 3 per cent.

ARTICLE VIII.

On the establishment of a Custom-house.

The said Royal Commissioners, at the request of Mr. Parkes, and in conformity with the intent of the VIIIth Article of the new Treaty, agree to the immediate establishment of a custom-house, under the superintendence of a high Government functionary, for the examination of all goods landed or shipped, and the receipt of the import and export duties due thereon. They further agree that the business of the custom-house shall be conducted under the regulations annexed to this Agreement.

ARTICLE IX.

On the subsequent Taxation of Articles now free from uty.

Mr. Parkes agrees with the said Royal Commissioners that whenever the Siamese Government deem it to be beneficial for the country to impose a single tax or duty on any article not now subject to a public charge of any kind, they are at liberty to do so, provided that the said tax be just and reasonable.

ARTICLE X.

On the Boundaries of the Four-Mile Circuit.

It is stipulated in the IVth Article of the Treaty, that "British subjects coming to reside at Bangkok, may rent land and buy or build houses, but cannot purchase lands within a circuit of 200 *sen* (not more than four miles English) from the city walls, until they shall have lived in Siam for ten years, or shall obtain special authority from the Siamese Government to enable them to do so."

The points to which this circuit extends, due north, south, east, and west of the city, and the spot where it crosses the river below Bangkok, have accordingly been measured by officers on the part of the Siamese and English; and their measurements, having been examined and agreed to by the said Royal Commissioners and Mr. Parkes, are marked by stone pillars placed at the undermentioned localities, viz. :—

On the North.

One *sen* north of Wat Kemabhirataram.

On the East.

Six *sen* and seven fathoms south-west of Wat Bangkapi.

On the South.

About nineteen *sen* south of the village of Bangpakeo.

On the West.

About two *sen* south-west of the village of Bangphrom.

The pillars marking the spot where the circuit line crosses the river below Bangkok are placed on the left bank three *sen* below the village of Bangmanau, and on the right bank about one *sen* below the village of Banglampuluen.

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ARTICLE XI.

On the Boundaries of the Twenty-four hours' Journey.

It is stipulated in the IVth Article of the Treaty, that "excepting within the circuit of four miles, British merchants in Siam may at any time buy or rent houses, lands, or plantations, situated anywhere within a distance of twenty-four hours' journey from the city of Bangkok, to be computed by the rate at which boats of the country can travel."

The said Royal Commissioners and Mr. Parkes have consulted together on this subject, and have agreed that the boundaries of the said twenty-four hours' journey shall be as follows:—

1. *On the North.*

The Bangputsa Canal from its mouth on the Chow Phya River, to the old city walls of Lobpury; and a straight line from Lobpury to the landing-place of Tha Phra-ngam, near to the town of Saraburi, on the River Pasak.

2. *On the East.*

A straight line drawn from the landing-place of Tha Phra-ngam to the junction of the Klongkut Canal with the Bangpakong River; the Bangpakong River from the junction of the Klongkut Canal to its mouth, and the coast from the mouth of the Bangpakong river, to the Isle of Srimaharajah, to such distance inland as can be reached within twenty-four hours' journey from Bangkok.

3. *On the South.*

The Isle of Srimaharajah and the Islands of Se Chang, on the east side of the Gulf; and the city walls of Petchaburi, on the west side.

4. *On the West.*

The western coast of the Gulf to the mouth of the Meklong river, to such a distance inland as can be reached within twenty-four hours' journey from Bangkok. The Meklong river, from its mouth to the city walls of Rajpury; a straight line from the city walls of Rajpury to the town of Subharnapury; and a straight line from the town of Subharnapury to the mouth of the Bangputsa Canal, on the Chow Phya river.

ARTICLE XII.

On the incorporation in the Treaty of this Agreement.

The said Royal Commissioners agree, on the part of the Siamese Government, to incorporate all the Articles of this Agreement in the Treaty concluded by the Siamese Plenipotentiaries and Sir John Bowring, on the 18th April, 1855, whenever this shall be desired by Her Britannic Majesty's Plenipotentiary.

In witness whereof the said Harry Smith Parkes, and the said Royal Commissioners, have sealed and signed this Agreement in duplicate, at Bangkok, on the thirteenth day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six of the Christian era, corresponding to the ninth day of the waxing moon of the lunar month of Wesakh, in the year of the quadrupede serpent, being the year one thousand two hundred and eighteen of the Siamese astronomical era, which is the nineteenth of Her Britannic Majesty's, and sixth of Their present Siamese Majesties', reigns.

(L.S.) HARRY S. PARKES.

(Signatures and Seals of the five Royal Commissioners.)

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Schedule of Taxes on Garden-ground, Plantations, or other Lands.

SECTION I.—Trenched or raised lands planted with the following eight sorts of fruit-trees are subject to the long assessment, which is calculated on the trees grown on the land, and not on the land itself; and the amount to be collected annually by the proper officers, and paid by them into the Royal Treasury, is endorsed on the title-deeds or official certificate of tenure.

1. *Betel-nut Trees.*

1st Class (Makek), height of stem from 3 to 4 fathoms, pay per tree	138 cowries.
2nd Class (Makto), height of stem from 5 to 6 fathoms, pay per tree	128 cowries.
3rd Class (Maktri), height of stem from 7 to 8 fathoms, pay per tree	118 cowries.
4th Class (Mak Pakarai), trees just commencing to bear, pay per tree	128 cowries.
5th Class (Mak lek) height of stem from 1 *sok* and upwards to size of 4th class, pay per tree	50 cowries.

2. *Cocoa-nut Trees.*

Of all sizes from 1 *sok* and upwards in height of stem, pay per three trees	1 salung.

3. *Siri Vines.*

All sizes from 5 *sok* in height and upwards pay per tree or pole when trained on tunglang trees	200 cowries.

4. *Mango Trees.*

Stem of 4 *kam* in circumference at the height of 3 *sok* from the ground, or from that size and upwards, pay per tree ..	1 fuang.

5. *Map'rang Trees.*

Are assessed at the same rate as mango trees.

6. *Durian Trees.*

Stem of 4 *kam* in circumference at the height of 3 *sok* from the ground, or from that size and upwards, pay per tree ..	1 tical.

7. *Mangosteen Trees.*

Stem of 2 *kam* in circumference at the height of 1½ *sok* from the ground, pay per tree	1 fuang.

8. *Langsat Trees.*

Are assessed at the same rate as Mangosteen trees.

Note.—The long assessment is made under ordinary circumstances once only in each reign, and plantations or lands having once been assessed at the above-mentioned rates, continue to pay the same annual sum, which is endorsed on the official certificate of tenure (subject to remissions granted in case of the destruction of the trees by drought or flood) until the next assessment is made, regardless of the new trees that may have been planted in the interval, or the old trees that may have died off. When the time for a new assessment arrives,

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a fresh account of the trees is taken, those that have died since the former one being omitted, and those that have been newly planted being inserted, provided they have obtained the above-stated dimensions; otherwise they are free of charge.

SECTION II.—Trenched or raised lands planted with the following eight sorts of fruit-trees are subject to an annual assessment, calculated on the trees grown on the lands, in the following manner, that is to say:

1. *Orange Trees.*

Five kinds (Som Kio wan, Som pluck bang, Som l'eparot, Som Kao Sungö), stem of 6 *ngiu* in circumference close to the ground, or from that size and upwards, pay per ten trees .. 1 fuang.
All other kinds of orange trees of the same size as the above, pay per fifteen trees .. .. 1 fuang.

2. *Jack-fruit Trees.*

Stem of 6 *kam* in circumference, at the height of 2 *sok* from the ground, or from that size and upwards, pay per 15 trees .. 1 fuang.

3. *Bread-fruit Trees.*

Are assessed at the same rate as jack-fruit trees.

4. *Mak Fai Trees.*

Stem of 4 *kam* in circumference, at the height of 2 *sok* from the ground, or from that size and upwards, pay per 12 trees .. 1 fuang.

5. *Guava Trees.*

Stem of 2 *kam* in circumference, at the height of 1 *kub* from the ground, or from that size and upwards, pay per 12 trees .. 1 fuang.

6. *Saton Trees.*

Stem of 6 *kam* in circumference, at the height of 2 *sok* from the ground, or from that size and upwards, pay per 5 trees .. 1 fuang.

7. *Rambutan Trees.*

Stem of 4 *kam* in circumference, at the height of 2 *sok* from the ground, or from that size and upwards, pay per 5 trees .. 1 fuang.

8. *Pine Apples.*

Pay per 1,000 plants .. .. 1 salung 1 fuang.

SECTION III.—The following six kinds of fruit-trees, when planted in trenched or untrenched lands, or in any other manner than as plantations subject to the long assessment described in Section I, are assessed annually at the undermentioned rates:—

Mangoes	.. 1 fuang	per tree.
Tamarinds	.. 1 do.	per 2 trees.
Custard Apples	.. 1 do.	per 20 do.
Plantains	.. 1 do.	per 50 roots.
Siri Vines (trained on poles) ..	.. 1 do.	per 12 vines.
Pepper Vines	.. 1 do.	per 12 do.

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SECTION IV.—Trenched or raised lands planted with annuals of all sorts, pay a land tax of 1 salung and 1 fuang per *rai* for each crop.

An annual fee of 3 salungs and 1 fuang is also charged by the Nairowang (or local tax collector) for each lot or holding of trenched land for which an official title or certificate of tenure has been taken out.

When held under the long assessment, and planted with the eight sorts of fruit-trees described in Section I, the annual fee paid to the Nairowang for each lot or holding of trenched land for which an official title or certificate of tenure has been taken out, is 2 salungs.

SECTION V.—Untrenched or low lands, planted with annuals of all sorts, pay a land tax of 1 salung and 1 fuang per *rai* for each crop.

No land tax is levied on these lands if left uncultivated.

Sixty cowries per tical are levied as expenses of testing the quality of the silver on all sums paid as taxes under the long assessment. Taxes paid under the annual assessment are exempted from this charge.

Lands having once paid a tax according to one or other of the above-mentioned rates, are entirely free from all other taxes or charges.

(L.S.) HARRY S. PARKES.

(Signatures and seals of the five Royal Commissioners.)

CUSTOM-HOUSE REGULATIONS.

1. A Custom-house is to be built at Bangkok, near to the anchorage, and officers must be in attendance there between 9 A.M. and 3 P.M. The business of the Custom-house must be carried on between those hours. The tide-waiters, required to superintend the landing or shipment of goods, will remain in waiting for that purpose, from daylight until dark.

2. Subordinate Custom-house officers shall be appointed to each ship; their number shall not be limited, and they may remain on board the vessel or in boats alongside. The Custom-house officers appointed to the vessels outside the bar will have the option of residing on board the ships, or of accompanying the cargo-boats on their passage to and fro.

3. The landing, shipment, or transshipment of goods may be carried on only between sunrise and sunset.

4. All cargo landed or shipped shall be examined and passed by the Custom-house officers within twelve hours of daylight after the receipt at the Custom-house of the proper application. The manner in which such application and examination is to be made shall be settled by the Consul and the Superintendent of Customs.

5. Duties may be paid by British merchants in ticals, foreign coin, or bullion, the relative values of which will be settled by the Consul and the proper Siamese officers. The Siamese will appoint whomsoever they may please to receive payment of the duties.

6. The Receiver of duties may take from the merchants 2 salungs per catty of 80 ticals for testing the money paid to him as duties; and for each stamped receipt given by him for duties he may charge 6 salungs.

7. Both the Superintendent of Customs and the British Consul shall be provided with sealed sets of balance yards, money weights, and measures, which may be referred to in the event of any difference arising with the merchants as to the weight or dimensions of money or goods.

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Treaty of 1826, *referred to in the Agreement of May* 13, 1856.

THE powerful Lord, who is in possession of every good, and every dignity, the God Boodh, who dwells over every head in the city of the sacred and great Kingdom of Si-a-yoo-tha-yă (titles of the King of Siam): Incomprehensible to the head and brain, the sacred beauty of the royal palace, serene and infallible there (titles of the Wang-na, or Second King of Siam), have bestowed their commands upon the heads of their Excellencies the Ministers of high rank, belonging to the sacred and great Kingdom of Si-a-yoo-tha-yă, to assemble and frame a Treaty with Captain Henry Burney, the English Envoy, on the part of the English Government, the Honourable East India Company, who govern the countries in India belonging to the English under the authority of the King and Parliament of England; and the Right Honourable Lord Amherst, Governor of Bengal, and other English officers of high rank, have deputed Captain Burney, as an Envoy to represent them, and to frame a Treaty with their Excellencies the Ministers of high rank belonging to the sacred and great Kingdom of Si-a-yoo-tha-yă, in view that the Siamese and the English nation may become great and true friends, connected in love and affection, with genuine candour and sincerity on both sides. The Siamese and English frame two uniform copies of a Treaty, in order that one copy may be placed in the Kingdom of Siam, and that it may become known throughout every great and small province subject to Siam, and in order that one copy may be placed in Bengal, and that it may become known throughout every great and small province subject to the English Government. Both copies of the Treaty will be attested by the royal seal, by the seals of their Excellencies the Ministers of high rank in the city of the sacred and great Kingdom of Si-a-yoo-tha-yă, and by the seals of the Right Honourable Lord Amherst, Governor of Bengal, and of the other English officers of high rank.

ARTICLE I.

The English and Siamese engage in friendship, love, and affection with mutual truth, sincerity, and candour. The Siamese must not meditate or commit evil, so as to molest the English in any manner. The English must not meditate or commit evil, so as to molest the Siamese in any manner. The Siamese must not go and molest, attack, disturb, seize, or take any place, territory, or boundary, belonging to the English, in any country subject to the English. The English must not go and molest, attack, disturb, seize, or take any place, territory, or boundary, belonging to the Siamese, in any country subject to the Siamese. The Siamese shall settle every matter within the Siamese boundaries according to their own will and customs.

ARTICLE II.

Should any place or country subject to the English do anything that may offend the Siamese, the Siamese shall not go and injure such place or country, but first report the matter to the English, who will examine into it with truth and sincerity; and if the fault lie with the English, the English shall punish according to the fault. Should any place or country subject to the Siamese do anything that may offend the English, the English shall not go and injure such place or country, but first report the matter to the Siamese, who will examine into it with truth and sincerity; and if the fault lie with the Siamese, the Siamese shall punish according to the fault. Should any Siamese place or country, that is near an English country, collect at any time an army or a fleet of boats, if the chief of the English country inquire the object of such force, the chief of the Siamese country must declare it. Should any English place or country, that is near a Siamese country, collect at any time an army or a fleet of boats, if the chief of the Siamese country inquire the object of such force, the chief of the English country must declare it.

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ARTICLE III.

In places and countries belonging to the Siamese and English, lying near their mutual borders, whether to the east, west, north, or south, if the English entertain a doubt as to any boundary that has not been ascertained, the chief on the side of the English must send a letter, with some men and people from his frontier posts, to go and inquire from the nearest Siamese chief, who shall depute some of his officers and people from his frontier posts to go with the men belonging to the English chief, and point out and settle the mutual boundaries, so that they may be ascertained on both sides in a friendly manner. If a Siamese chief entertain a doubt as to any boundary that has not been ascertained, the chief on the side of the Siamese must send a letter, with some men and people from his frontier posts, to go and inquire from the nearest English chief, who shall depute some of his officers and people from his frontier posts, to go with the men belonging to the Siamese chief, and point out and settle the mutual boundaries, so that they may be ascertained on both sides in a friendly manner.

ARTICLE IV.

Should any Siamese subject run, and go and live within the boundaries of the English, the Siamese must not intrude, enter, seize, or take such person within the English boundaries, but must report and ask for him in a proper manner; and the English shall be at liberty to deliver the party or not. Should any English subject run, and go and live within the boundaries of the Siamese, the English must not intrude, enter, seize, or take such person within the Siamese boundaries, but must report and ask for him in a proper manner; and the Siamese shall be at liberty to deliver the party or not.

ARTICLE V.

The English and Siamese having concluded a Treaty, establishing a sincere friendship between them, merchants subject to the English, and their ships, junks, and boats, may have intercourse and trade with any Siamese country which has much merchandise, and the Siamese will aid and protect them, and permit them to buy and sell with facility. Merchants subject to the Siamese, and their boats, junks, and ships, may have intercourse and trade with any English country, and the English will aid and protect them, and permit them to buy and sell with facility. The Siamese desiring to go to an English country, or the English desiring to go to a Siamese country, must conform to the customs of the place or country on either side: should they be ignorant of the customs, the Siamese or English officers must explain them. Siamese subjects who visit an English country must conduct themselves according to the established laws of the English country, in every particular. English subjects who visit a Siamese country must conduct themselves according to the established laws of the Siamese country in every particular.

ARTICLE VI.

Merchants subject to the Siamese or English going to trade either in Bengal or any country subject to the English, or at Bangkok, or in any country subject to the Siamese, must pay the duties upon commerce according to the customs of the place or country, on either side; and such merchants and the inhabitants of the country shall be allowed to buy and sell without the intervention of other persons in such countries. Should a Siamese or English merchant have any complaint or suit, he must complain to the officers and governors on either side, and they will examine and settle the same, according to the established laws of the place or country on either side. If a Siamese or English merchant buy or sell without inquiring and ascertaining whether the seller or buyer be of a good or bad character, and if he meet with a bad man who takes the property and

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absconds, the rulers and officers must make search and produce the person of the absconder, and investigate the matter with sincerity. If the party possess money or property, he can be made to pay, but if he do not possess any, or if he cannot be apprehended, it will be the merchant's own fault.

ARTICLE VII.

A merchant subject to the Siamese or English going to trade in any English or Siamese country, and applying to build godowns or houses, or to buy or hire shops or houses in which to place his merchandize, the Siamese or English officers and rulers shall be at liberty to deny him permission to stay. If they permit him to stay, he shall land and take up his residence according to such terms as may be mutually agreed on, and the Siamese or English officers and rulers will assist and take proper care of him, preventing the inhabitants of the country from oppressing him, and preventing him from oppressing the inhabitants of the country. Whenever a Siamese or English merchant or subject who has nothing to detain him, requests permission to leave the country and to embark with his property on board of any vessel, he shall be allowed to do so with facility.

ARTICLE VIII.

If a merchant desire to go and trade in any place or country belonging to the English or Siamese, and his ship, boat, or junk meet with any injury whatever, the English or Siamese officers shall afford adequate assistance and protection. Should any vessel belonging to the Siamese or English be wrecked in any place or country, where the English or Siamese may collect any of the property belonging to such vessel, the English or Siamese officers shall make proper inquiry, and cause the property to be restored to its owner, or, in case of his death, to his heir, and the owner or heir will give a proper remuneration to the persons who may have collected the property. If any Siamese or English subject die in an English or Siamese country, whatever property he may leave shall be delivered to his heir. If the heir be not living in the same country and unable to come, and appoint a person by letter to receive the property, the whole of it shall be delivered to such person.

ARTICLE IX.

Merchants, subject to the English, desiring to come and trade in any Siamese country with which it has not been the custom to have trade and intercourse, must first go and inquire of the Governor of the country. Should any country have no merchandize, the Governor shall inform the ship that has come to trade that there is none. Should any country have merchandize sufficient for a ship, the Governor shall allow her to come and trade.

ARTICLE X.

The English and Siamese mutually agree that there shall be an unrestricted trade between them in the English countries of Prince of Wales' Island, Malacca, and Singapore, and the Siamese countries of Ligor, Merdilong Singora, Patani, Junkceylon, Queda, and other Siamese Provinces. Asiatic merchants of the English countries, not being Burmese, Peguers, or descendants of Europeans, shall be allowed to trade freely overland and by means of the rivers. Asiatic merchants, not being Burmese, Peguers, or descendants of Europeans, desiring to enter into and trade with the Siamese dominions from the countries of Mergui, Tavoy, Tenasserim, and Ye, which are now subject to the English, will be allowed to do so freely, overland and by water, upon the English furnishing them with proper certificates. But merchants are forbidden to bring opium, which is positively a contraband article in the territories of Siam; and should a merchant introduce any, the Governors shall seize, burn, and destroy the whole of it.

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ARTICLE XI.

If an Englishman desire to transmit a letter to any person in a Siamese or other country, such person only, and no other, shall open and look into the letter. If a Siamese desire to transmit a letter to any person in an English or other country, such person only, and no other, shall open and look into the letter.

ARTICLE XII.

Siam shall not go and obstruct or interrupt commerce in the States of Tringano and Calantau. English merchants and subjects shall have trade and intercourse in future with the same facility and freedom as they have heretofore had, and the English shall not go and molest, attack, or disturb those States upon any pretence whatever.

ARTICLE XIII.

The Siamese engage to the English, that the Siamese shall remain in Queda, and take proper care of that country, and of its people; the inhabitants of Prince of Wales' Island and of Queda shall have trade and intercourse as heretofore; the Siamese shall levy no duty upon stock and provisions, such as cattle, buffaloes, poultry, fish, paddy, and rice, which the inhabitants of Prince of Wales' Island or ships there may have occasion to purchase in Queda; and the Siamese shall not farm the mouths of rivers or any streams in Queda, but shall levy fair and proper import and export duties. The Siamese further engage, that when Chao Phya of Ligor returns from Bangkok, he shall release the slaves, personal servants, family, and kindred belonging to the former Governor of Queda, and permit them to go and live wherever they please. The English engage to the Siamese, that the English do not desire to take possession of Queda, that they will not attack or disturb it, *nor permit the former Governor of Queda, or any of his followers, to attack, disturb, or injure in any manner the territory of Queda, or any other territory subject to Siam. The English engage that they will make arrangements for the former Governor of Queda to go and live in some other country, and not at Prince of Wales' Island or Prye, or in Perak, Salengore, or any Burmese country. If the English do not let the former Governor of Queda go and live in some other country, as here engaged, the Siamese may continue to levy an export duty upon paddy and rice in Queda.** The English will not prevent any Siamese, Chinese, or other Asiatics at Prince of Wales' Island, from going to reside in Queda if they desire it.

ARTICLE XIV.

The Siamese and English mutually engage that the Rajah of Perak shall govern his country according to his own will. Should he desire to send the gold and silver flowers to Siam as heretofore, the English will not prevent his doing as he may desire. If Chao Phya of Ligor desire to send down to Perak, with friendly intentions, forty (40) or fifty (50) men, whether Siamese, Chinese, or other Asiatic subjects of Siam, or if the Rajah of Perak desire to send any of his ministers or officers to seek Chao Phya of Ligor, the English shall not forbid them. The Siamese or English shall not send any force to go and molest, attack, or disturb Perak. The English will not allow the State of Salengore to attack or disturb Perak, and the Siamese shall not go and attack or disturb Salengore. The arrangements stipulated in these two last Articles respecting Perak and Queda, Chao Phya of Ligor shall execute as soon as he returns home from Bangkok.

The fourteen Articles of this Treaty let the great and subordinate Siamese and English officers, together with every great and small province, hear, receive,

* The clauses in italics had already been annulled at the request of the Court of Siam.

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and obey without fail. Their Excellencies the Ministers of high rank at Bangkok, and Captain Henry Burney, whom the Right Honourable Lord Amherst, Governor of Bengal, deputed as an Envoy to represent his Lordship, framed this Treaty together in the presence of Prince Krom Meun Soorin Thiraksa, in the city of the sacred and great Kingdom of Si-a-yoo-tha-yă.

The Treaty, written in the Siamese, Malayan, and English languages, was concluded on Tuesday, the first day of the seventh decreasing moon, 1188, year dog 8, according to the Siamese era, corresponding with the twentieth day of June, 1826, of the European era.

Both copies of the Treaty are sealed and attested by their Excellencies the Ministers, and by Captain Henry Burney. One copy Captain Henry Burney will take for the ratification of the Governor of Bengal; and one copy, bearing the Royal seal, Chao Phya of Ligor will take and place at Queda. Captain Burney appoints to return to Prince of Wales' Island in seven months, in the second moon of the year dog 8, and to exchange the ratifications of this Treaty with Phra Phak-di-Bori-rak, at Queda. The Siamese and English shall form a friendship that shall be perpetuated, that shall know no end or interruption as long as Heaven and Earth endure.

(A literal translation from the Siamese.)

(Signed) H. BURNEY, *Captain,*
Envoy to the Court of Siam.

(King of Siam's Seal.)

(Signed) AMHERST. (L.S.)

Ratified by the Right Honourable the Governor-General, in camp at Agra, this seventeenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven.

By command of the Governor-General,

(Signed) A. STIRLING,
Secretary to Government,
In attendance on the Governor-General.

Commercial Agreement annexed to the Treaty of 1826.

Their Excellencies the Ministers and Captain Henry Burney having settled a Treaty of Friendship, consisting of fourteen Articles, now frame the following Agreement with respect to English vessels desiring to come and trade in the city of the sacred and great Kingdom of Si-a-yoo-tha-yă (Bangkok) :—

ARTICLE I.

Vessels belonging to the subjects of the English Government, whether Europeans or Asiatics, desiring to come and trade at Bangkok, must conform to the established laws of Siam in every particular. Merchants coming to Bangkok are prohibited from purchasing paddy or rice for the purpose of exporting the same as merchandize; and if they import fire-arms, shot, or gunpowder, they are prohibited from selling them to any party but to the Government. Should the Government not require such fire-arms, shot, or gunpowder, the merchants must re-export the whole of them. With exception to such warlike stores, and paddy, and rice, merchants subjects of the English, and merchants at Bangkok, may buy and sell without the intervention of any other person, and with freedom and facility. Merchants coming to trade shall pay at once the whole of the duties and charges consolidated according to the breadth of the vessel.

If the vessel bring an import cargo, she shall be charged seventeen hundred (1,700) ticals for each Siamese fathom in breadth.

If the vessel bring no import cargo, she shall be charged fifteen hundred (1,500) ticals for each Siamese fathom in breadth.

No import, export, or other duty shall be levied upon the buyers or sellers from or to English subjects.

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ARTICLE II.

Merchant-vessels, the property of English subjects, arriving off the bar, must first anchor and stop there; and the commander of the vessel must despatch a person with an account of the cargo, and a return of the people, guns, shot, and powder on board the vessel, for the information of the Governor, at the mouth of the river, who will send a pilot and interpreter to convey the established regulations to the commander of the vessel. Upon the pilot bringing the vessel over the bar, she must anchor and stop below the chokey, which the interpreter will point out.

ARTICLE III.

The proper officers will go on board the vessel and examine her thoroughly; and after the guns, shot, and powder have been removed and deposited at Paknam (port at the mouth of the Menam), the Governor of Paknam will permit the vessel to pass up to Bangkok.

ARTICLE IV.

Upon the vessel arriving at Bangkok, the officers of the Customs will go on board and examine her, open the hold, and take an account of whatever cargo may be on board; and after the breadth of the vessel has been measured and ascertained, the merchants will be allowed to buy and sell according to the first Article of this Agreement. Should a vessel, upon receiving an export cargo, find that she cannot cross the bar with the whole, and that she must hire cargo-boats to take down a portion of the cargo, the officers of the Customs and chokeys shall not charge any further duty upon such cargo-boats.

ARTICLE V.

Whenever a vessel or cargo-boat completes her lading, the commander of the vessel must go and ask Chao Phya Phra Khlang for a port clearance, and if there be no cause for detention, Chao Phya Phra Khlang shall deliver the port clearance without delay. When the vessel upon her departure arrives at Paknam, she must anchor, and stop at the usual chokey; and after the proper officers have gone on board and examined her, the vessel may receive her guns, shot, and powder, and take her departure.

ARTICLE VI.

Merchants, being subjects of the English Government, whether Europeans or Asiatics, the commanders, officers, lascars, and the whole of the crew of vessels, must conform to the established laws of Siam and to the stipulations of this Treaty, in every particular. If merchants of every class do not observe the Articles of this Treaty, and oppress the inhabitants of the country, become thieves or bad men, kill men, speak offensively of, or treat disrespectfully, any great or subordinate officers of the country, and the case become important in any way whatever, the proper officers shall take jurisdiction of it, and punish the offender. If the offence be homicide, and the officers, upon investigation, see that it proceeded from evil intention, they shall punish with death. If it be any other offence, and the party be the commander or officer of a vessel, or a merchant, he shall be fined. If he be of a lower rank, he shall be whipped or imprisoned, according to the established laws of Siam. The Governor of Bengal will prohibit English subjects, desiring to come and trade at Bangkok, from

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speaking disrespectfully or offensively to or of the great officers in Siam. If any person at Bangkok oppress any English subject, he shall be punished according to his offence in the same manner.

The six Articles of this Agreement let the officers at Bangkok, and merchants subject to the English, fulfil and obey in every particular.

(A literal translation from the Siamese.)

(Signed) H. BURNEY, *Captain,*
Envoy to the Court of Siam.

(King of Siam's Seal.)

(Signed) AMHERST. (L.S.)

Ratified by the Right Honourable the Governor-General, in camp at Agra, this seventeenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven.

By command of the Governor-General,

(Signed) A. STIRLING,
Secretary to Government,
In attendance on the Governor-General.

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SIAM.

TREATY of Friendship and Commerce between Her Majesty and the Kings of Siam.

Signed at Bangkok, April 18, 1855.

With an AGREEMENT supplementary thereto.

Signed at Bangkok, May 13, 1856.

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PROTOCOL,

SIGNED AT PARIS, JANUARY 6, 1857,

FOR CARRYING OUT THE

PROVISIONS

OF

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PROTOCOL, signed at Paris, January 6, 1857, for carrying out the Provisions of the Treaty of March 30, 1856.

Lord Cowley to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received January 8.)

My Lord, *Paris, January 7*, 1857.

I HAVE the honour to inclose herewith a certified copy of the Protocol of Conference, with the Plans annexed thereto, signed yesterday at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs by the Plenipotentiaries of Great Britain, Austria, France, Prussia, Russia, Sardinia, and Turkey, wherein are recorded the results of the discussions which have taken place on certain points connected with the execution of the Treaty of the 30th March, and by which, I trust, are definitively set at rest, the differences of opinion which had arisen among the Powers parties to that Treaty, respecting the right interpretation of Article XX, in consequence of its being found on actual survey that certain localities were not situated as had been supposed by the Paris Congress.

Although it is matter of regret, it is not surprising, considering the scanty information which could be obtained respecting the geographical details of the countries bordering the Lower Danube, that these errors should have occurred, or that, in endeavouring to rectify them, differences of opinion should have manifested themselves among the parties interested. But it was the duty of all, if a common centre of union was to be sought; if disagreement was not to degenerate into animosity; if the Treaty of the 30th March was not to remain a dead letter—to abate somewhat of their respective views, and to meet each other in a conciliatory spirit. The decision of the majority of the Conference might, indeed, have been appealed to, but when opinions had been so strongly pronounced, it could not have been enforced without leaving a feeling of soreness to be deprecated in the minds of those whose judgment was overruled. The necessity of a compromise, if harmony was to be preserved, was felt by all, and the Emperor, moved by this consideration, took upon himself to propose a settlement, which has been accepted by all parties.

The arrangement proposed by His Majesty, while it maintains inviolate, by assigning both New and Old Bolgrad to Moldavia, the principle on which Article XX was originally framed, of removing Russia from all communication with the Danube and Lower Pruth, meets the desire of the Russian Government to have a capital for the Bulgarian colonies which remain to Russia, by giving her the town of Komrat on the Yalpouk. At the same time the wish expressed by Turkey that the Delta of the Danube, of which she formerly was mistress, should be restored to her instead of being transferred to Moldavia, is acceded to, and the Isle of Serpents is declared to be an appendage of the Delta.

Her Majesty's Government having met this proposal in the same conciliatory spirit in which it had been made by the French Government, and the other Governments interested, moved by sentiments equally honourable, having notified their acquiescence in it, the task of the Plenipotentiaries has been limited to recording in a collective instrument the agreement at which their Governments had separately arrived.

It only remains for me to congratulate your Lordship and Her Majesty's Government on this termination of difficulties and discussions, which have not been without their gravity, and to express the hope that the agreement which

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has thus been attained may prove an omen of continued peace and friendship among the Powers who have given this proof of goodwill and respect for each other.

I have, &c.
(Signed) COWLEY.

Inclosure.

Protocole signé à Paris, le 6 Janvier, 1857.

Présents :

Les Plénipotentiaires de l'Autriche,
„ de la France,
„ de la Grande Bretagne,
„ de la Prusse,
„ de la Russie,
„ de la Sardaigne,
„ de la Turquie.

REUNIS en Conférence pour aviser aux moyens de mettre fin aux difficultés que la Commission de Délimitation, chargée de l'exécution de l'Article XX du Traité de Paris, a rencontrées par suite de la disposition des lieux, les Plénipotentiaires des Cours d'Autriche, de France, de la Grande Bretagne, de Prusse, de Russie, de Sardaigne, et de Turquie, dûment autorisées, ont décidé, après examen des rapports des Commissaires Délimitateurs, que la dite frontière sera tracée définitivement suivant le Plan No. 1, paraphé par les Soussignés et annexé au présent Protocole ; qu'elle partira, par conséquent, de la Mer Noire, à 2,936 mètres à l'est du Lac Bourna-Sola, d'un point marqué sur le dit plan par la lettre *b*, et suivant une ligne brisée indiquée par les lettres *c, d, e, l, k, j, i, h, m, n, o,* point où elle rejoint la route d'Akerman, qu'elle suit jusqu'à la lettre *p*, allant de là au Val de Trajan par les lettres *q, r, s, t, u, v, x, y, d′, e′, f′, g′, i′* ; suivant le Val de Trajan jusqu'à la lettre *p′* ; reprenant la route d'Akerman jusqu'au ravin d'Ali-aga, qu'elle remonte jusqu'à la lettre *t′*, passant ensuite par les lettres *u′, v′, x′, y′* ; gagnant de là, en ligne droite, le Val de Trajan au point où il est coupé par la Rivière de Karakourt venant de Koubey, pour le suivre jusqu'à la Rivière Yalpouk, dont elle remonte le thalweg jusqu'à l'embouchure du Kirsaou, au nord de Kongas, et à la lettre A ; remontant ce cours d'eau jusqu'à sa rencontre avec la route de Komrat à Borogani, à la lettre A′, route qu'elle suit jusqu'à la lettre B, pour remonter le Yalpougel Inférieur jusqu'à la lettre C, et se diriger jusqu'à la lettre D, où elle rencontre le Saratzika, qu'elle remonte jusqu'à la lettre E, se dirigeant ensuite vers le Pruth par le tracé indiqué au moyen des lettres *v″, x″, y″, z″, r″, a‴, b‴, c‴, d‴, e‴, f‴, g‴, h‴, i‴, j‴,* et *k‴*.

Les Plénipotentiaires étant convenus que la délimitation et la remise des territoires à la Moldavie devront être effectuées le 30 Mars prochain au plus tard, il est entendu que les troupes Autrichiennes devront avoir évacué les Principautés de Valachie et de Moldavie, et que l'escadre Britannique devra avoir quitté la Mer Noire et le Bosphore, au plus tard, à la même date.

La Convention des Détroits entrera, dès lors, en vigueur.

Les Plénipotentiaires conviennent que les îles comprises entre les différents bras du Danube à son embouchure et formant le Delta de ce fleuve, ainsi que l'indique le Plan No. 2 ci-joint et paraphé, au lieu d'être annexées à la Principauté de Moldavie, comme le stipulait l'Article XXI du Traité de Paris, seront replacées sous la souveraineté immédiate de la Sublime Porte, dont elles ont relevé anciennement.

Les Plénipotentiaires reconnaissent, en outre, que le Traité de Paris ayant, comme les Traités conclus antérieurement entre la Russie et la Turquie, gardé le silence sur le sort de l'Ile des Serpents, il convient de considérer cette île comme une dépendance du Delta du Danube, et qu'elle doit, en conséquence, en suivre la destination.

Dans l'intérêt général du commerce maritime, le Gouvernement Ottoman s'engage à entretenir sur cette île un phare destiné à assurer la navigation des bâtiments se rendant dans le Danube et au port d'Odessa ; la Commission

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Riveraine instituée par l'Article XVII du Traité de Paris, dans le but d'assurer la navigabilité des embouchures de ce fleuve et des parties de la mer y avoisinantes, veillera à la régularité du service de ce phare.

Le présent Protocole aura même force et valeur que s'il avait revêtu la forme d'une Convention; mais il est entendu que, quand la Commission de Délimitation aura terminé ses travaux, il sera signé entre les Hautes Parties Contractantes, une Convention consacrant la frontière telle qu'elle aura été établie par les Commissaires et les résolutions prises au sujet de l'Ile des Serpents et du Delta du Danube.

(Signé) HUBNER.
WALEWSKI.
COWLEY.
HATZFELDT.
BRUNNOW.
VILLAMARINA.
MEHEMMED DJEMIL.

(Translation.)

Protocol signed at Paris, January 6, 1857.

Present:

The Plenipotentiaries of Austria,
" France,
" Great Britain,
" Prussia,
" Russia,
" Sardinia,
" Turkey.

THE Plenipotentiaries of the Courts of Austria, France, Great Britain, Prussia, Russia, Sardinia, and Turkey, duly authorized, having assembled in Conference in order to devise the means of terminating the difficulties which the Boundary Commission, charged with the execution of Article XX of the Treaty of Paris, has encountered in consequence of the position of places, have decided, after an examination of the Reports of the Boundary Commissioners, that the said frontier shall be definitively traced according to the Plan No. 1, initialled by the Undersigned, and annexed to the present Protocol; that it shall, consequently, commence from the Black Sea at a point 2,936 mètres to the east of Lake Bourna-Sola, marked on the said plan by the letter *b*, and following a broken line shown by the letters *c, d, e, l, k, j, i, h, m, n, o,* where it joins the Akerman road, which it follows as far as the letter *p*; proceeding from thence to the Val de Trajan by the letters *q, r, s, t, u, v, x, y, d′, e′, f′, g′, i′*; following the Val de Trajan as far as the letter *p′*; again taking the Akerman road as far as the ravine of Ali-Aga, which it ascends as far as the letter *t′*; passing thence by the letters *u′, v′, x′, y′*; reaching from thence, in a straight line, the Val de Trajan at the point where it is intersected by the River Karakourt coming from Koubey, and following it as far as the River Yalpouk, the mid-channel of which it ascends to the mouth of the Kirsaou, to the north of Kongas, and at the letter A; ascending this stream till the line meets the road from Komrat to Borogani, at the letter A′, which road it follows as far as the letter B, and thence ascends the Lower Yalpougel as far as the letter C, and proceeds as far as the letter D, where it meets the Saratsika, which it ascends as far as the letter E; proceeding from thence towards the Pruth, by the line indicated by the letters *v″, x″, y″, z″, r″, a‴, b‴, c‴, d‴, e‴, f‴, g‴, h‴, i‴, j‴,* and *k‴*.

The Plenipotentiaries having agreed that the marking out of the boundary, and the delivery of the territory to Moldavia, shall be completed by the 30th of March next, at the latest, it is understood that the Austrian troops shall have evacuated the Principalities of Wallachia and of Moldavia, and that the British squadron shall have quitted the Black Sea and the Bosphorus, at latest, at the same date.

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The Convention of the Straits will, from that time, come into force.

The Plenipotentiaries agree that the islands included between the different branches of the Danube at its mouth, and forming the Delta of that river, as shown by the Plan No. 2 hereunto annexed, and initialled, shall, instead of being annexed to the Principality of Moldavia, as stipulated by Article XXI of the Treaty of Paris, be replaced under the immediate sovereignty of the Sublime Porte, of which they formerly held.

The Plenipotentiaries agree, moreover, that the Treaty of Paris having, like the Treaties previously concluded between Russia and Turkey, been silent with regard to the Isle of Serpents, that island is to be considered as an appendage to the Delta of the Danube, and must, in consequence, follow its destination.

In the general interest of maritime commerce, the Ottoman Government engages to maintain on that island a lighthouse destined to render secure the navigation of vessels proceeding to the Danube and to the port of Odessa; the River Commission, established by Article XVII of the Treaty of Paris for the purpose of maintaining the mouths of that river, and the neighbouring parts of the sea, in a navigable state, will see to the regular performance of the service of such lighthouse.

The present Protocol shall have the same force and validity as if it had assumed the form of a Convention; but it is understood that, when the Boundary Commission shall have concluded its labours, a Convention shall be signed by the High Contracting Parties, recording the frontier such as it shall have been established by the Commissioners, and the resolutions taken on the subject of the Isle of Serpents and the Delta of the Danube.

(Signed) HUBNER.
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